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January 9th, 1906.

Mr. Albert B. Dod,

South Orange,

New Jersey.

My Dear Mr. Dod:-

I appreciated very much your kind note with reference to the possibility of such a plan as we talked about at the Hill. I should rejoice to have the opportunity of crossing over in the way you describe from the Pacific Coast of Colombia, but any plans with reference to the future are too uncertain now; and while I think that either my associate or I will be making a trip to South America within the next year or two, I do not know which one of us it will be, or how soon we may be able to go, or how much time we shall have for it when we do go. If the duty falls tome, and I can carry out any such scheme as we spoke about, I shall be glad tocommunicate with you.

With best wishes forour success, and hoping some time to see you again, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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January 9th, 1906.

The Rev. J. F. Carson, D. D.,
Central Presbyterian Church,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My Dear Dr. Carson:-

I want to thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of the Christmas Greeting which you sent to the people of the Central Church. Surely no one of your people or outside their circle, can read it without feeling the burden of the secular lifted, and your love for them. What a blessing it is that when we reflect upon it, Christmas speaks to us such a message as you have brought out in your beautiful greeting.

Very cordially yours,

January 9th, 1.

Mr. R. S. Miller, Jr.,
State Department,
Washington, . D. C.,

My Dear Miller:-

I have heard that you are in this country, and hope very much that I can have a chance to see you while you are here. Will you not be in New York some time when we could lunch together, or when you could come out and spend a night at my [illegible]

[illegible]

January 9th, 1906.

Mr. Charles Denby, Jr.,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Denby:-

May I trouble you to have the enclosed letter to Mr. Miller, of the Legation in Tokyo, who is I believe now in this country, forwarded to him?

I was very glad to get your kind note, and shall hope to see you either in Washington or here before very long.

Very cordially yours,

January 9th, 1906.

Mr. J. G. Vaughn,
2445 Prairie Avenue,
Chicago, Ills.

My Dear Mr. Vaughn:-

I am very grateful for your kind note referring to the Biography of Hugh Beaver. I am glad that his life, so useful while it was here, is still wielding its influence.

Very sincerely yours,

January 9th, 1905.

Mrs. D. B. McCartee,
24 Maple Avenue,
Madison, N. J.

My Dear Mrs. McCartee:-

I should have answered your very kind note of December 21st.

I can entirely understand the query that has come to you with reference to the proposed biography. I am inclined to think that on this point Mr. Rankin's judgment could be trusted. Although I know how likely he is to read himself and his convictions in. He did this in Dr. Nevius's book on "Demon Possession," and I am sure he is doing it in this biography. This may add to its value, but it may not. But I think there is nothing now to do but to leave the matter in Mr. Rankin's hands.

I have not seen since he came back, but I am writing to him, asking him whether we cannot meet while he is here.

With warm regards from Mrs. Speer and myself.

Your sincere friend,

January 9th, 1906.

Mr. Clement H. Cochran,

Washburn, Crosby & Co.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Clement:-

I was glad to receive yesterday your note of the sixth. I had already heard from Mr. Kingman, and have written to him that I would be glad to do anything desired in connection with proving the sginatures of your father, and of the witnesses to his will. I am glad that matters can be so arranged as to put everything in your hands.

We, too, are receiving our letters very late from Urumia, and I know from other letters that the American letters to Urumia are correspondingly late. It is the disturbed condition in Russia that is the cause, so far as Western Persia is concerned, especially the trouble in the Caucasus. One of the papers reports a republic established there and running with some efficiency, but I suspect that is a moon story. Still, almost anything can be expected from the Caucasus.

I hope that you and Lillie are not forgetting to write down your recollections and all the suggestions and directions which you think will be of help in preparing the biography. I have a good deal of most valuable material, and have got together all your father's letters and reports to the Board since he went out to Persia. I have been reading over all his letters of the earlier years, and also the letters from Dr. Shedd and others. It is very interesting to have them bring out in clear outline so much that I already knew dimly.

I have written to Mrs. Panafidene for what material she can supply; and received one invaluable instalment of quotations from

January 9th, 1906.

Mr. W. H. Hartshorn,

120 Boylston Street,

Boston, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Hartshorn:-

I am very much obliged to you for your kindness in sending me a copy of the Report of the Toronto Convention.

With best wishes for the ever enlarging success of the work, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Cochran, 2.

Your Mother's letters, from your Aunt.

You will be sure to come and see me whenever you are in the East, will you not, and to save at least a night for Englewood?

With warm regards from Mrs. Speer and myself to you and Lillie and all, I am,

Your sincere friend,

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January ninth, 1906.

The Rev. Henry O. Dwight, D. D.,
Bible House,
New York City.

My Dear Dr. Dwight:-

You may know of an effort to secure the establishment of an American Consulate in Tabriz. I enclose a copy of a petition prepared by a committee, whose membership I do not know, but whose chairman is Mr. David C. Beatty of Yonkers, an Episcopalian, a lawyer here, who with his wife have had a deep interest in the little Nestorian community in Yonkers. Some time ago our missionaries in Tabriz joined with the naturalized American citizens there, in asking for the establishment of such a Consulate. On their own account I suspect they might have been willing to have gone on as in the past, with American interests in northwestern Persia cared for by the British Consul in Tabriz. But the British Consul of course would take no cognizance of the interests of Nestorians who had become naturalized as American citizens and returned to Persia to live, and I think our missionaries felt the infeliqity of the situation which secured them good care from the Bristish Consul, but brought no such advantages to the naturalized citizens. On that account I think they were glad to join in the petition which was forwarded to Mr. Beatty, as the representative of the Nestorians, and has been by himforwarded to the State Department, in the communication to which he refers in the enclosed petition.

Dr. Norton, formerly of Harpoot, now Consul at Smyrna, studied t the situation carefully when he was in Urumia and Tabriz, in connection with the troubles there after Mr. Labaree's death, and he reported fully on the conditions to the State Department. Mrs. Norton is now in this country, and is in Washington, staying at Mr. Root's, giving him inform-

Dr. Dwight, 2.

ation for which I think she was asked to come home, regarding the Consular service in Turkey. As you probably know, Mr. Root and Dr. Norton are close friends, having been together in Hamilton College, where Dr. Norton lived in the home of Mr. Root.

I had a long talk with Mrs. Norton yesterday, regarding affairs in Persia, and we were agreed that if a poor American Consul were elected at Tabriz, only harm could result, but that if a good man could be sent there, it ought to result in real good, both commercially, and in the way of larger service of our country. When she asked me to suggest some good man, I mentioned your name, and she at once assented, and I promised to write to her at Washington after hearing from you, as to whether you would be willing to allow your name to be mentioned in connection with the matter, in case Mr. Root asks her for a suggestion.

You know the conditions too well to need any word of explanation, and you know as well as I the necessity of having the right man appointed, if a Consulate is to be established. What may I say to Mrs. Norton?

If you are unwilling to consider the matter, whom would you suggest?

With best wishes for the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

January 10th, 1906.

Mr. George Henderson,

46 Dharamtala St., Calcutta, India.

Dear Sir:--

Your letter of October 23rd with reference to the copy of "The India Witness", which has [illegible], was duly received. I never ordered the paper, and I have access to the copy which we receive in our Foreign Missions Library here. I should not want you to be at any loss, however, for your kindness in sending me the paper for these two years without any order from me, and I send you herewith accordingly $4.00 covering the cost of the paper for the two years, ending February 19th, 1906. Will you kindly discontinue the paper at that date. If I had known that you were sending the paper to me at my charge, wholly unsolicited, I should of course, have notified you before. Having received the paper from the Post Office, I am, I believe, according to our postal laws, liable for the subscription which I cheerfully send herewith; and in any case I should wish to save you from any loss in the matter to which otherwise you would be put.

Very sincerely yours,

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H. January 10th, 1906.

The Rev. C. L. Thompson, D. D.,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Dr. Thompson:--

I am very much obliged for the Home Board Prayer Calendar for 1906. We use it daily at family worship with the Foreign Calendar.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Very cordially yours,

H. January 10th, 1906.

The Rev. T. S. Pond,
Mansfield, Penn.

My dear Mr. Pond:--

I appreciate very much your kindness in sending me the beautiful little postal card picture of Mansfield with your Christmas and New Year's greetings. I appreciated very much your sending me a Caracas card a year ago from Venezuela. I hope that you and Mrs. Pond are both very well, and I trust you may both have the happiest of New Years.

Very cordially yours,

H. January 10th, 1910.

The Rev. R. W. Springer, A. M.,
Fort Washington, Maryland.

Dear Sir:--

I have received a copy of your pamphlet entitled "The Saviour's Creed", and not knowing from whom it may have come, I venture to acknowledge its receipt to you and to thank you for it. I shall look forward with pleasure to reading it.

Very sincerely yours,

January 9th, 1906.

Mr. Lucius Hopkins Miller

Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Luke:--

Your two good notes and the copy of the graduate's catalogue have been received. I shall be glad to go over the catalogue and mark the names of those to whom appeals might be sent, but this will be more or less of a hit or miss. Still no harm will be done by erring on the side of over-inclusion.

With reference to the name, Gailey and I talked the matter over some the other afternoon and I suggested to him some such name as "The Princeton Enterprisein China"; or the word "project", or the word "undertaking" could be substituted for "enterprise". "The Princeton House in Peking " is a good name. The difficulty is that it appropriates Mr. Wanamaker's gift. Princeton is not providing the house but it is carrying on the project. If we had actually provided the house perhaps that name would be the best. If I can think of any other suggestions, I will send them to you. Perhaps if Mr. Wanamaker would consent to having his contribution for the building regarded as a Princeton contribution, in view of the fact that his sons went to Princeton, that might relieve the objection to the title of "Princeton House".

Very cordially yours,

H.

January 11th, 1906.

Mr. H. P. Ford,

Witherspoon Bldg.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Ford:--

I shall be glad to accept the invitation of the Committee having in charge the celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Organization of our Church, to speak at the evening meeting on April 24th.

Thanking you heartily for your kind letter, and trusting that the celebration may be useful in clarifying and confirming our faith in the fundamental and abiding things, I am

Very sincerely yours,

January 10th, 1906.

The Rev. C. I. Scofield, D. D.,

21 Avenue des Alpes,

Montereux, Switzerland.

My Dear Dr. Scofield:-

I was very grateful for your kind card of December 26th. I greatly appreciated the privilege of trying to put in as clear and strong terms as possible the supreme and uncompromisable truth of the deity of Christ, which the men who are to be the leaders of the Church in the next generation, so far as I know them, will not allow to be trifled with. I am very glad that the Federation took the positive stand that it did, when at last the issue was clearly joined.

I had heard of your expectation of spending some time abroad in work upon the Bible, and earnestly trust that you may be given strength and guidance for the work.

With kind regards.

Very cordially yours.

H. January 11th, 1906.

Miss Anna L. Huston,

5521 Wayne Ave., Germantown, Pa.

My dear Cousin Annie:--

Your very kind note of the sixth has been received. My Pottstown Sundays for April and May are April 8th and May 13th, so that I could go easily to Germantown on either April 7th or May 12th. Since writing you before I have had an invitation to speak at the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Organization of our Church, which is to be held in Philadelphia on Tuesday, April 24th; but I think, perhaps, I ought not to plan for an afternoon meeting that day, even if it should be a convenient day for you. If the Saturday afternoons in April and May are not convenient, however, it would be only a pleasure to come over for some other afternoon. Will you let me know which day you would fix upon?

With much love from Emma and the children,

Your sincere friend,

H.

January 11th, 1906.

Miss Bessie H. Brooks,

Box 570, Beaver, Penn.

My dear Miss Brooks:--

Your kind noteof yesterday is received. I am sorry it will not be possible for me to come to the proposed summer school at Arnold next July. My engagements with the summer Student Conferences and other summer gatherings will make it impossible for me to come out for this new meeting , which I hope will prove a great success.

Very sincerely yours,

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H. January 11th, 1906.

Mr. Dumont Clark, Jr.,

Murray- Dodge Hall, Princeton, N.J.

My dear Dumont:--

Thank you very much for your kind note with the enclosed check. I have put down in my engagement book March 15th and May 17th and shall look forward with pleasure to going out for those days.

Sincerely yours,

H. January 15, 1906.

Mr. F. P. Turner,

3 West 29th St., City.

My dear Turner:--

I furnished the Student Volunteer Movement with a photograph of myself for the Toronto Convention and it was printed in the papers. That is the only time that I have ever done a thing of that sort. I have not much to be proud of, but I have cherished a bit of Pharaseical pride over the fact that I never furnish my picture for public ness. That one time in connection with the Toronto Convention was the exception, and I have been ashamed of it ever since, and I won't do it again. Besides I have not one.

Very cordially yours,

December 20th, 1905.

Mr. L. A. Maynard,

Monrovia, California.

My Dear Mr. Maynard:-

I enclose herewith a missionary article in response to your kind note of December 20th; and I could send you, if you wished, several others, dealing with criticisms of missions in particular countries, like Japan, China and India.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

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H. January 15th, 1906.

Mr. Fred B. Smith,

3 West 29th St., City.

My dear Fred:--

Your kind note of the 12th was received on Saturday. I am more than glad if what I said, which was very much less than I had hoped to be able to say, was of any service to the Religious Work Department. I was going to ask you, in case you intended to make any use of the addresses of the evening, to let me see the report of mine so that I might revise it.

I rejoice in the work that the Religious Work Department is doing and in God's great use of you, and I shall be only too happy to be of any help to you and to the Department at any time.

Your sincere friend,

H. January 15th, 1906.

Mr. S. Earl Taylor,

150 Fifth Ave., City.

My dear Taylor:--

Thank you very much for your note regarding the Kansas City Convention. It would be a pleasure to me to attend that Convention, but I shall have to stay by the stuff here in New York at that time, as Dr. Brown and Dr. Halsey will both be away then at the General Assembly.

Very cordially yours,

H. January 15th, 1906.

Mr. F. W. Chamberlain,

Three Oaks, Mich.

My dear Mr. Chamberlain:--

May I send in this informal way a word of hearty congratulation to you and Mrs. Chamberlain. It was a pleasure to meet you the few times I had the opportunity of doing so during your connection with the Sunday School Times, and I am sorry that you had to leave that work; but I know well that your removal to Three Oaks will mean no decrease in your active religious interest, and I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you from time to time as our paths cross in this blessed service.

With kind regards to Mrs. Chamberlain and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

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January 15th, 1906.

Mr. A. Le R. Chipman,

25 Whitehall St., City.

My dear Mr. Chipman:--

Your kind note of the 11th is duly received. How would the subject, "The Enlargement of the Christian Life", do? If that will be satisfactory please use it without taking the trouble to reply.

Very sincerely yours,

H. January 15th, 1906.

Mr. J. G. Cannon,
14 Nassau St., City.

My dear Mr. Cannon:--

Thank you heartily for your kind note of January 12th. It was a pleasure to be present at the dinner and to be of any service, however slight, to the work of the Religious Department. I rejoice in its efficiency and increasing fruitfulness and success, and congratulate you on your responsible relation to it and on the opportunity that it gives you to direct what I believe to be the most useful and valuable part of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association and the best contribution it is making to the life of the land.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

H. January 15th, 1906.

Mr. A. Lee Wilson,
411 Hodge Hall,
Theological Seminary, N. J.

My Dear Mr. Wilson:--

Your kind notes of January 11th and 13th have both been received. I shall come down on the Princeton Special, leaving New York at 3.55 on Wednesday, and shall have to come back on the 7.50 train immediately after the meeting. I understood that you did not wish me tospeak especially about missions but make a more general address on Christian Life. But I shall be glad, if I can appropriately, to say a word about the Nashville Convention.

Very cordially yours,

January 15th, 1906.

H.

Miss Mary Hunter Linn,

Bellefonte, Penn.

My dear Miss Linn:--

It was a great pleasure to receive this morning your good letter of January 11th. I wish I could stay over Sunday when I come out for the opening of the new Young Men's Christian Association, but I have already an engagement to speak in Philadelphia on the Saturday evening following and three engagements for Sunday, so that I can be in Beaver only for the evening of February 9th I keep cherishing as a ~~gnnx~~ dream of the future a good visit to Bellefonte in the summer time and a good visit to Huntington some autumn, in order that the children may have full opportunity to get acquainted with Central Pennsylvania and to love its hills and valleys as I love them; but I am afraid that this dream will have to wait a good many summers yet for its fulfilling. Meanwhile, I rejoice that I can get even the one day in Bellefonte, and look forward to renewing the happy friendship of the older days. I am sorry that you and Miss Foy will be away, but I shall hope to see you on some other visit.

With kind regards from Mrs. Speer and myself,

Very sincerely yours,

H. January 15th, 1906.

Mr. Lucius Hopkins Miller,

Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Luke:--

I return herewith Mr. Atherton's letter. I am a little reluctant to accept his decision. So far as responsibility to the Presbyterian Church is concerned, mine is as great as his, and while what he says about his present responsibility on his daughter's account is true, we are all hoping that within a year or two she will decide to stay on a regular missionary basis which would somewhat relieve him; and besides, membership on the Committee would not involve such burdensome financial obligations as he has in mind, or I would have to ask to be relieved, too. I think I would be disposed to consider Mr. Fuller if Mr. Atherton's declination is final. I must say frankly that I do not take to the suggestion of Andy West. The last time I met him on the street car here he had evidently been drinking, and I do not believe his name, if that is to be used at all would help among the alumni, although his knowledge would be very valuable, I should think.

Of the names which you suggest, the ones I like best are "The Princeton House in Peking"; The Peking University Mission in Peking; and The Princeton University Settlement in Peking; but I would not use the word "Princeton House", without an understanding with Mr. Wanamaker. That phrase will need more explanation than either of the others.

Very cordially yours,

H. January 15, 1906.

Mrs. T. S. Gladding,

169 Lorraine Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Gladding:--

I think the three wives of Adoniram Judson were about as great missionary heroines as I have read about. I think it was heroic of them to be free, and I think it took a deal of heroism for each one of them separately to pass through what she did. One has to be a little careful, however, in using The Three Mrs. Judsons in a lecture where people have a sense of humor. Others whom I would suggest would be Fidelia Fiske, Mrs. David Livingstone, Mrs. Robert Moffatt, Mary Reed and Isabella ~~Fulburn~~ Thoburn. Then, if I were you, I would take the China Martyrs' book and go through it. You will find ample material there. The book is published, you know, by Revell.

I hope the lectures may be very useful. With kind regards from Mrs. Speer and myself,

Very sincerely yours,

January 15, 1906.

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Mr. B. O. Satterwhite,

Earl Hall, Columbia University,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Satterwhite:--

I am sorry I cannot help you on the evening of February 4th. I have an engagement in Andover, Mass. for that day.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

January 15th, 1906.

Mrs. James A. Beaver,

Bellefonte, Penna.

My Dear Mrs. Beaver:-

Your kind note came on Saturday. I shall be glad to come for the evening of February 19th. I am sorry that it isn't possible to come the week before. I see that I shall have to leave New York Thursday evening, getting to Tyrone the next morning, and to Bellefonte about half past nine Friday morning; and I shall have to leave Bellefonte the next morning in order to get to Philadelphia for an appointment in the evening. I wish I could stay over Sunday, but engagements in Philadelphia make that impossible.

Looking forward with great pleasure to coming, I am,

Very affectionately yours,

January 15th, 1906.

The Rev. Frank D. Gamewell, D. D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My Dear Dr. Gamewell:-

I am at last able to reply definitely with reference to Kansas City Convention. I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to go. I find that Dr. Brown and Dr. Halsey will both be away that week, at the General Assembly, and that will necessitate my remaining here.

Regretting that I cannot come, and with warm regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

January 15th, 1906.

Mr. C. N. Keserve,
Bellefonte,
Pennsylvania.

My Dear Mr. Keserve:-

Your note of the 12th has been received; and, as I have just written to Mrs. Beaver, I shall be glad to come for the dedication of the building on Friday evening, February ninth. If you have any suggestions to make as to what you would like to have me say, I should be glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

H. January 16, 1906.

Mrs. S. J. Rhea,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Rhea:-

Much and very much for the reminiscences of Dr. Cochran. They give just the picture of his boyhood that I was hoping to get, and just the vivid description of his later influence which will be useful. The material is coming in slowly, but I shall find most of it I suspect in the reports and letters of the Board's files. The best account of the Kurdish Invasion is in Mr. Wilson's books and I shall make free use of all that. I have no doubt I shall find myself coming often to you for help before the work is done.

Very affectionately

H. January 16th, 1906.

Mr. E. Graham Wilson,

Brainerd Hall, Easton,, Penn.

My dear Mr. Wilson:--

Your kind note of yesterday is just received. I am sorry to have to say that I have already so many engagements for January, February and March that it will not be possible for me to come over during these months. I cannot now say whether it will be possible for me to come in April or May, but if you will drop me a note toward the close of March I shall be glad to let you know then, and to arrange to come if possible.

Very sincerely yours,

H. January 16th, 1906

Mrs. Wilson,

The Evergreens,

Tarrytown Manor, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Wilson:--

Your kind note has been received. I am glad to be relieved from the appointment for February 13th and rejoice at the cause of the change of plan. You know the warmth of my sympathy with the Union Movement and I thank God that it is at last to be consummated.

I think it will be possible for me to speak at the Commencement on May 21st. That is the time of our General Assembly, but I do not expect to go this year and shall be glad to plan to be present at the Commencement exercises.

Very cordially yours,

H. January 16th, 1906.

The Rev. E. B. Sanford, D. D.,

81 Bible House, New York City.

Dear Dr. Sanford:--

Your kind note of yesterday is just received. I am sorry to have to say in reply: first, that I do not have a photograph, and in the second place that I have the, perhaps foolish, but certainly comfortable principle never to furnish my photograph for public use.

Very sincerely yours,

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H. January 16th, 1906.

Miss Udetta D. Brown,

156 West 80th St., New York.

My dear Miss Brown:--

I have pleasure in sending you herewith a copy of Whytehead's "Second Day of Creation", having checked the three verses which you heard me quote.

Very sincerely yours,

(Enclosure)

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H. January 16th, 1906.

Mr. Frank M. Freeman,

Box 867, Yale Station, New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr. Freeman:--

I am very grateful and very greatly encouraged by your note just received. I am thankful if what I said in Dwight Hall Sunday evening helped you to lay hold practically on what I believe to be the most real thing in life, namely: the power of Christ. Assuredly, the Gospel is no Gospel at all if it has nothing to say to us beyond what we already know regarding habit and character. Its message to us is a message of reversal and deliverance, when these are what we need, and a message of power and strength outside of the resources of our own wills, and the blessing and the curse of the psychological laws under which we live. Christ is no Saviour unless He can actually give us the salvation that we need, and, as you say, no skepticism can break down the simple testimony which thousands of men are able to offer to the reality of this saving power. Rejoicing in the fresh vision of it which has come to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

January 16th, 1906.

Miss A. L. Huston,

5521 Wayne Avenue,

Germantown, Penna.

My Dear Cousin Annie:-

Your good note of yesterday is just received, and I shall look forward with pleasure to coming for Saturday afternoon, April seventh, at half past three o'clock.

With much love from Emma and myself.

Your sincere friend,

January 16th, 1906.

Mrs. J. P. Ammidon,

1631 Park Place,

Baltimore, Md.

My Dear Mrs. Ammidon:-

In behalf of Dr. Ewing, I want to thank you and Mr. Ammidon for the splendid gift of the Century Dictionary. I know how rejoiced Dr. Ewing will be to have it, and am so thankful that you have sent it to him. He is one of the most indefatigable workers, whom it is a pleasure to help, and for whom nothing is too good, because he is unsparing in his gift of himself to the work.

I hope that you and Mrs. Ammidon are both very well, and with warm regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

H. January 17th, 1906.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Charlie:--

I enclose herewith the copy for the Young Peoples' column for the last Sunday in February and the first Sunday in March.

Thank you very much for the d ecks which came the other day.

Very affectionately yours,

(enclosures)

H. January 17, 1906.

Miss Evelyn S. Hall,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Miss Hall:--

Your very kind note was received yesterday. I wish I could hope to be present on Founder's Day, but I have to be in Andover, Mass. on February 4th and at our Board meeting here on February 5th. Several times before, our Board meetings, which occur on the first and third Mondays in each month, have prevented my accepting this invitation for Founder's Day, and it would be a great pleasure if Mrs. Speer and I could come.

Very cordially yours,

January 16th, 1906.

Miss Ellen M. Young,
1320 S. Street,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Miss Young:-

It was a great pleasure to receive, a few moments ago, your note of the 13th. I remember very well my too brief but very pleasant visit in your home. The last time I was down in Washington I saw your father in the audience, and had the pleasure of just a few words with him after the meeting. I am very glad to hear about the class of boys, and very thankful if any of my little books have been helpful to you in your work with them.

I hardly know what to suggest for the one boy of whom you write. If he likes "Young Men Who Overcame," perhaps he would be willing to read "A Memorial of a True Life," which is the fuller biography of Hugh Beaver, to whom the first chapter in "Young Men Who Overcame" refers. If he is a mature boy and likes to read, I think I would try him with Henry Drummond's "The Ideal Life." I think that Sinker's "Life of Ion Keith Falconer" is also a good book, especially if the boy admires athletic men, because Keith Falconer was the greatest bicycle rider of his day. This book is perhaps a little heavier, however, than the other books. But if you could have a little talk with him after he reads "Young Men Who Overcame," and can then tell me whether he likes it, or if not, what his objections are, perhaps I could suggest some other book that would fit him.

It will be a pleasure to be of any help to you, and with kind regards to your father and mother and sisters, I am,

Your sincere friend,

January 16th, 1906.

Mr. Ben Wyland,
702 West Divinity,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn.

My Dear Mr. Wyland:-

I have just received your letter of yesterday. Do you not think that you would have the secret you are seeking if you knew the meaning of Christ's declaration, "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life"? Is it not a matter of that absorption into Christ, that possession by Christ which identifies one's life with Christ and permeates one's life by Christ, even as

"Saffron tingeth flesh, blood, bones and all"?

That line is from Browning's "Karshish." Have you ever read it? It is the picture of Christ's mastery of Lazarus after He had raised him from the dead. Or, if you will read some time, Frederic W. H. Myer's "Saint Paul," you will see the same simple, but fathomless secret there.

How otherwise are we to "eat" and "drink" Christ, except by thinking upon Him, bringing all our thoughts into captivity to Him, by loving Him with all the yearning of our hearts and all the purposing of our wills?

And even after we have done all this, do you suppose a man will be satisfied? Will not the clearness of his vision only mean the greater depth of shame because he falls so far short of his ideals? In the spiritual life, as everywhere else, excellence is paid for by pain. The Son of God redeemed the world by anguish.

Mr. Wyland. 2.

And yet, I believe that there is a peace; and while its secret is amid the mysteries, there are simple little practical ways of fostering it; and I venture to enclose a sheet with a few hints on it that may be serviceable. But after all, these are only aspects of the living work of God upon the heart that wants to yield itself to its largest use, and is working patiently to submit itself to its discipline.

I wish I could be of more help to you. If what I have said raises any questions, or if at any time I can help you, as one who knows no more than you, but who wants with you to know more, please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

January 16th, 1906

Mr. Charles P. Russell,
7 North Edwards,
Princeton, N. J.

My Dear Mr. Edwards:-

I cannot but sympathize with the view expressed in your letter of January 12th. I do not think that in Santiago you would have found a sphere for the kind of teaching which is on your heart, and for which you have been specially prepared. You would have found a good opportunity for hard work in more elementary teaching, and in shaping the character of the boys. But I hope that somewhere work may open that will give you full opportunity to use your special equipment.

Very sincerely yours,

H.

January 17th, 1906.

The Rev. Benjamin Swift,

Orwell, Vermont:

My dear Mr. Swift:--

I am very glad to answer your inquiries in regard to books on Chinese Gordon. The best short life is, perhaps, General Sir William Butler's "Gordon ", published I think by McMillan. The best self-revelation of Gordon is contained in his Letters to his Sister, published by McMillan. MacGaulay's, Gordon Anecdotes, published by the Religious Tract Society of London is full of stories and incidents called from books and magazines. Egmont Hake's Story of Chinese Gordon is a pretty full account of Gordon's work up to the close of his first period of rule in the Soudan. Then there is a book on his army--"The Ever-Victorious Army", about which I have heard but have never read. And there are several volumes of "Letters and Journals", whose publisher I do not remember. I think, however, that if you get Butler's book and the "Letters to his Sister", and the "Gordon Anecdotes", you would have, perhaps, as much as you would wish.

Very cordially yours,

H. ✓ January 17th, 1906.

Mr. Samuel M. Sayford,

801 Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

My dear Uncle Samuel:--

Your kind note of yesterday is just received, and I am sorry to have to say that Mrs. Speer will not be able to come up with me and I shall have to come back on the night train. About the synopsis of my address, I will see what I can do, but I never write out addresses, and usually only have time to get them into final shape when I am on the train.

I shall come up on the 12 o'clock train, reaching Boston at 5.40. Do you wear evening clothes at this banquet? I assume, from the hour and the nature of the gathering, that you do not, but if you do will you please send me a word?

Very affectionately,

Robert E. Speer.
Jr.

January 17th, 1906.

H.

Mr. Ralph Hall Ferris,
700 Park Ave., New York City.

My dear Mr. Ferris:--

I am very much obliged for the invitation just received to your ordination at Pelham Manor this evening, but I have to speak at Princeton Seminary. I pray for God's blessing upon you and all your work for Him.

You will let me know, will you not, if I can be of any help to you?

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer
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January 16th, 1906.

Mr. Fayette B. Dow,

Haverford, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Dow:-

Mrs. Speer and I appreciated very much your note written from Rochester during vacation. We have missed you from New York this year, and shall look forward if you come back next year, to many visits from you to Englewood. You will find us in our new home then, with more room than we have had before; but whether with more room or with less, there will always be room for you. You must come back to see us as soon as you can, for the children are growing fast, and you must not let them grow away from their friendly remembrance of you.

I expect to be in Philadelphia on Sunday February 11th, speaking in the morning at the University, and in the evening at St. Paul's Church. I shall probably have to go out to speak at Bryn Mawr in the afternoon, and I must come back to New York on the train leaving Philadelphia a little after midnight. So you see it is a pretty full day, but if I go out to Bryn Mawr in the afternoon, I shall be glad to see you in case you were over there.

Have you made your plans for next summer? Mrs. Speer and I have some friends here, of whom we are very fond, who have two most interesting boys, one of whom goes to the Hill School next fall. They go up to Maine I think for the summer, and want a tutor for the boys. It is a fine Christian home, and if you are willing to think of anything of the sort, I should be glad to put you in communication with these friends.

With kind regards, from Mrs. Speer and myself.

Y

our sincere friend, Robert E. Speer.

H. January 19th, 1906.

Mr. William L. Sanderson,

119 Pine St., Portland, Maine.

Dear Mr. Sanderson:--

I am sorry not to have seen you yesterday and appreciate very much your cordial invitation to the Maine Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association. I am sorry to have to say, however, that it will be impossible for me to come. I have already engagements for May 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7th, which will make it impossible for me to get to Maine at the time of the Convention. Thanking you heartily for your invitation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H. January 19th, 1906.

Mrs. James A. Beaver,

Bellefonte, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Beaver:--

I am very sorry for the mistake in my letter as to the date. Of course, I meant February 9th, and am looking forward with joy to the day in Bellefonte, and especially with you. I hope General Beaver is going to be at home at that time.

Very [illegible]

January 19th, 1906

Mr.

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Norwich, New York.

Dear Mr. Jesson:--

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation to come to speak at Norwich. I have an engagement in Pennsylvania for March 11th, and in fact have appointments for all my Sundays for the next six months.

I trust that God may bless the work that is going on in Norwich, and that many of the people, old [illegible] to an open [illegible]

Very sincerely [illegible]

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January 18th, 1906.

Mr. Frederick [illegible] Billings,

17 Battery Place, New York.

Dear Mr. Billings:-

In going over an accumulation of letters yesterday, I found your letter of July 27th, which I had assumed needed no answer; but I find in it an inquiry as to whether I had ever seen any further report regarding the discussions in the Evangelical Alliance in Japan, as to the formal statement of belief in our Lord Jesus Christ which was deemed central and essential. We have not seen anything further, but I shall make inquiries the next time I write to Mr. MacNair of Tokyo.

Very sincerely yours,

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February 19th, 1906.

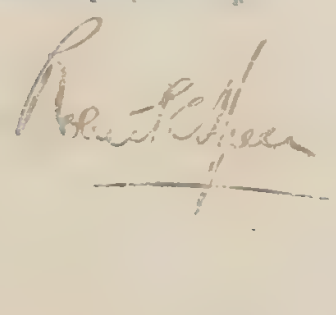
Mr. F. B. Turner,

3 West 29th St., City.

My dear Turner:--

I am very much obliged for the copy of "Religions of Wisdom Fields". It comes just at an opportune time for me in view of the subject on which I am to speak at Nashville.

Very cordially yours,



February 20th, 1906.

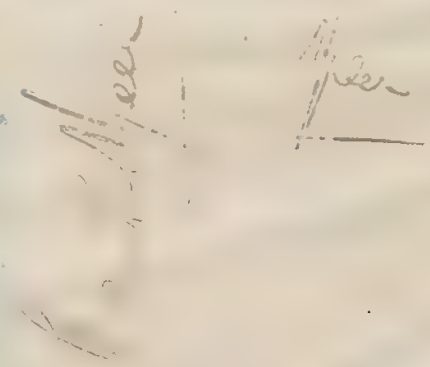
Mr. A. T. Paul,

Russian Steamship Co.,

204 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn,

Dear Sir:--

I promised Mr. Beattie, in reply to a recent statement as to the need of some funds for the use of your Committee, to send you my check for $10.00, covering postage on the copies of the petition which you were expecting to send to members of Congress. I enclose herewith my check for this amount.



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Mr. S. E. Walker,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Walker:--

Your very kind letter of December 2nd with its enclosed check, has been received. Thanking you for [illegible], I am

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

H.

January 20th, 1906.

Mr. S. E. Walker,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Walker:—

I am asking the different representatives in this country of the Missions referred to by Mr. Wilson to send him the information he wishes.

I was very much obliged for the admirable little books which you sent me some time ago for review, and trust I may be able to send some reviews before long.

If the publishers will give you Munsterberg's "The Americans" and "American Traits", I shall be glad to review them. The first is published by McClure Phillips & Co. and the second by Houghton, Miflin & Co.

Very cordially yours,

January 20th, 1906.

Mrs. Thomas H. Norton,

1836 California Avenue,

Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mrs. Norton:-

I wrote at once, after talking with you, to Dr. Dwight, and did not hear from him until he came in day before yesterday to talk the matter over. He said that there was no possibility of his going, in view of Mrs. Dwight's health, as if her health permitted her to go abroad at all, he would be back in Constantinople in his work there; so that he is out of the question. Do you know Mr. Henry W. Jessup, a son of Dr. Henry H. Jessup of Beirut, and a lawyer here in New York? I do not know whether there would be the least possibility of his accepting such a position, but I think his name would be worth considering. He has a brother who is one of our missionaries in Tabriz. Mr. James B. Reynolds, who was Mayor Strong's private secretary when he was Mayor of New York, and who has just come back from China, where he made a visit, and who is well known to Mr. Roosevelt, and perhaps to Mr. Root, might be worth thinking of.

I send you enclosed a letter received a few days ago from Mr. Beattie, telling of what his Committee have been doing in the matter of the Tabriz Consulate. Will you please return his letter? What he and his Committee are doing has evidently done no harm, and when we learn the result of your visit, we will then know what would be best for Mr. Clement and for us here to undertake quite independently of Mr. Beattie.

Mrs. Norton, 2.

Looking forward with much anticipation to seeing you on your return, I am,

Very cordially yours,

January 18th, 1906.

Mr. G. B. Archer,

Toronto General Hospital,

Toronto, Canada.

My Dear Mr. Archer:-

I am very much obliged for your kind thought in sending me the beautiful little Calendar for the New Year, with the photograph of the Trent River. The picture looks very much like the little lake in Camp to which we go in Northern New Hampshire in the summer time. It is pleasant to have the Calendar, and it is pleasant to have it as a remembrance from you.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

F.

January 19th, 1906.

The Rev D. K. Freeman, D. D.,
Huntingdon, Penn.

My dear Dr. Freeman:--

Your kind letter of Wednesday has been received. I know Dr. Sauber very well and like him very much; but I am not sure that he is just the man for the Bellefonte church. I expect to be in Bellefonte early next month and shall talk with some of the people over there regarding the church and their search for the right man.

It was a great pleasure to go out to the meeting of the Presbytery in Huntingdon last fall. I always enjoy coming, and while I was sorry so many of my relatives were away, yet it does me good to come back to the old town and to meet the dear but diminishing company of friends there. As to my travelling expenses, I would not think of letting them be a charge to you.

I hope that you and Mrs. Freeman are both very well, and with warm regards, I am

Very affectionately yours,

January 18th, 1906.

Dr. Catherine V. C. Scott,

The Mutual Savings Bank Building,

San Francisco, Calif.

My Dear Dr. Scott:-

Your good letter, with its invaluable references to your father and mother, came some time ago. I wrote to Dr. Cobb, asking him whether he and Mrs. Cobb could remember any incidents, but they were unable to recall any. Mrs. Henry N. Beers is still living, and is President of our Woman's Board here in New York, and I am writing to her for any information she may have. Mrs. Crawford has sent some most valuable recollections also, and Mr. Clement and I have both written to Mrs. Ponafidene. If anything else comes back to you, you will be sure to write it down, will you not?

Very cordially yours,

January 18th, 1906.

Mr. Fred S. Goodman,
3 West 29th Street,
New York City.

My Dear Fred:-

I was only too thankful to be of any service whatever, to you at the Dinner at the Manhattan. I wish I had spoken more efficiently, but I was glad to be called on to say anything in the interest of the most vital and important work of the Association. I do not think you need have any misgivings as to your statement, and I trust that the whole Dinner will accomplish the results you desired.

Very affectionately yours,

January 18th, 1906

The Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Dr. Miller:-

Your very kind note was received several days ago, and I shall be delighted to accept your invitation, to stay with Mrs. Miller and yourself over Sunday, February the 11th. I have to be at Bellefonte on the evening of the ninth, and have promised to speak at the Woman's Medical College on the evening of the tenth; so I shall not be able to get out to your house until after that Saturday evening meeting, and I must come back to New York on the train leaving a little after midnight Sunday night. But this will give me the privilege of Saturday night and Sunday in your home.

Very affectionately yours,

January 18th, 1906.

Mr. J. S. T. Milligan,
5534 Kentucky Avenue,
Pittsburg, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Milligan:-

In filing away some letters that had accumulated, I have come upon your letter of last year, with reference to the report in the Record of Christian Work of my address on "The Fatherhood of God." Your letter was acknowledged at the time, but I have not wanted to file it away without personally acknowledging it. It is possible togo very deep into a separation of the three Persons of the Trinity, but I have never found any statement in the Bible on the subject that caused me the least perplexity.

Thanking you for your kind letter, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

January 18th, 1906.

Mrs. Henry N. Beers,

35 West 82nd Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Beers:-

I am gathering material for a biography of Dr. Cochran of Urumia, and among the suggestions which I have received from his sister, Dr. C. V. Scott of San Francisco, is the following statement:

When my father attended the Union Theological Seminary in New York, he made his home in the house of Lucius Hart, as tutor to the daughters. A daughter of Mr. Hart, my father's pupil, I saw in New York when I was there seven years ago. Her address then was Mrs. Henry N. Beers, 35 West 82nd Street. Perhaps in the Directory her own initials will be given. What they are I do not know. I knew her when her husband was living. She was a good friend of mine. I am sure she can tell you much if you can see her.

Have you any such recollections of Dr. Cochran? Will you not write out whatever you can recall? or if you would prefer to make notes and dictate them to someone in the offices, I should be very glad to arrange to have it taken down.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Rastall

January 24th, 1906.

H.

Mr. Thomas H. Atherton,
Wilkesbarre, Penn.

My dear Mr. Atherton:--

Mr. Miller sent me your letter to him, with reference to the Executive Committee of the Princeton Missionary Movement in China, to read, and I am venturing to write to express the earnest hope that you will consent to serve on the Committee. I do not understand that it involves any financial obligation, otherwise I certainly should not be able to serve, and I do not believe that Mr. Miller or Bishop Spaulding would be able to; and I hope it does not involve any necessity of remissness in our duties to our own church, for I should have to be especially careful on that point because of my prior responsibilities to the Board. All that I understand is involved is just the contribution of what influence we can and the application of our best judgment when called upon by Mr. Miller to give it to problems that will arise from time to time. Can you not on this basis serve on the Committee, at least for the present, or until it is shown that service on the Committee requires more than it would be possible for you to give. If you feel that you cannot possibly undertake it, would you think Mr. Fuller would be a good man? I hope, however, that you will be willing yourself to act.

With warm regards to Mrs. Atherton and yourself and the children,

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer.

H.

January 24th, 1906.

Mr. Lucius Hopkins Miller,

Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Luke:--

I have received and sent on to Mr. Dodge the proposed draft of the statement regarding "The Princeton Movement". I do not think the name is an ideal one, but if it approves itself to the majority, I am satisfied.

The budget seems to me a little high. It is projected on a scale of expense considerably in advance of that which we are working on in our Missions, but that is true of, I think, almost all the Young Men's Christian Association work abroad. Our missionaries in Peking receive only $1000 salary, and we should think $600 gold for rent and $700 gold for incidental expenses for one married man a very heavy charge. On the naked merits of the question, I could scarcely vote for these items as in one capacity for the Princeton Movement, and vote for smaller items in a different capacity for our Presbyterian missionaries in Peking. It is true, however, that the salaries of the missionaries ought to be increased a little, and I do not say this to urge any change in the figures of the budget, but only to suggest that these figures ought to be regarded as outside figures, and save us from the necessity of contemplating any enlargement for a great many years to come, save as our budget is increased by the appointment of additional men.

I wish we might have Mr. Wanamaker's cordial approbation of taking over his building without making any mention of his name. Someone might infer from our statement that the $30,000 came from

Princeton sources, or was given with a view to its use for our work.

On page 3, I wish you would put your name above Sailer's and mine in the list of the sub-committee.

I am writing to Mr. Atherton, and hope that he will consent to serve on the Committee. I shall ask him, however, in case he positively refuses to do so, whether he thinks Mr. Fuller would be a good man.

In the last paragraph I think I would say "the University of Pennsylvania hopes to establish a Christian Medical School at Canton in South China, and has already sent out a competent man as its representative. The Yale Mission in Hunan, in Central China, has the first foundations of its University well laid." This is only a suggestion, however. I think the Statement is an admirable one.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

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January 26th, 1906.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,

Brown Memorial Manse,

Baltimore, Md.

My Dear John:-

Thank you very much for your good letters of January 17th and 20th. I was about to write to you to urge that we should exchange our Sundays in April at the Hill, so as to enable you to spend Easter Sunday at your own church. I have to be at the Hill on April 8th, and you on April 15th. Would it not make it a little more convenient for you if we should just turn these dates around? I think Professor would be willing.

I hear that both you and I have been naming Adam for the Eliot Congregational Church near Boston. A Committee from the church has been down to hear him, and I believe another Committee are coming soon. The first Committee is not altogether pleased. He went up and down so much in his delivery that at times it could not understand what he was saying. I have heard nothing further from Germantown.

I am glad that you are all well. We think often and speak often of you. Mr. Colman was over to spend Wednesday night, and that freshened in the minds of all the children thoughts of the Camp. We look forward with joy to the summer with you there.

Very affectionately yours,

G.

January 26th, 1906.

Mrs. Hugh W. Gilchrist,

3366 Third Street,

San Jose, California.

My Dear Mrs. Gilchrist:-

I thank you heartily for your kindness in sending me a picture of Dr. Garritt, which was received a day or two ago. I was delighted to get it. We have been on terms of peculiarly intimate friendship for many years, and his stay in the offices during his furlough, strengthened the relations of confidence and affection between us.

Very cordially yours,

January 26th, 1906.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Charlie:-

Thank you very much indeed for your kind note of the 24th, with its appreciative and encouraging word from one of your readers. It is only a joy to be of any help to you, and through you to others.

Very affectionately yours,

January 26th, 1906.

Mr. John R. Mott,

3 West 29th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mott:-

A little while ago, when I was in Princeton, Miller and Gailey gave me a pamphlet containing some letters from missionaries in China, dated 1891, with reference to the establishment of the Young Men's Christian Association in Peking and in Shanghai. They asked me to read this and forward it to you, which I do herewith.

Very affectionately yours,

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January 26th, 1906.

Professor A. R. Simpson,

52 Queen Street,

Edinburgh, Scotland.

My Dear Professor Simpson:-

I received some time ago, the copy of your Address which you so kindly sent, and which I read with the greatest interest and delight. I have quoted again and again, the closing paragraph, and many people have asked me about the entire Address. It is possible that you may have heard from some of them, with requests for copies of it. If it would not inconvenience you to send me several copies, I should be very glad to have them to give to those to whom the Address would be of the greatest help here.

I hope if you are in Egypt this winter, that you can arrange to be in Cairo April 4th to April 8th. There is to be held there at that time, a Missionary Conference to consider work among Mohammedans. It will be the most important missionary conference on this subject that has ever been held, with missionaries present from all over the Mohammedan world. They would appreciate it greatly if you could attend the sessions. I enclose herewith a little leaflet with reference to it.

I rejoice to know that there is a prospect of your going later to visit India. Our own Missions will be delighted to welcome you, and I trust especially that you may be able to visit our various medical missions, and our two Colleges at Lahore and Allahabad.

I have stated very inadequately my appreciation of your Address. I read it the first time as I was riding in a public conveyance, and I was so deeply impressed by it that I longed to be in some place where I could give free expression to the feelings that it aroused in me.

With warm regard.

Very sincerely yours,

January 26th,1906.

Mrs. Victor Spear,

47 Norwood Avenue,

Buffalo, New York.

My Dear Mrs.-

I was delighted to get your letter of the 17th last week. The salary of an unmarried woman missionary in China, as Miss Davison doubtless told you, is $500. In India it is $540. I should think your Women's Society, with a little extra effort, could raise the latter if the former is not out of its reach. But, as you say, the difficulty will be to find a good representative. I do not think that very many new workers will be sent out this yeay, although there will be some. But most of the Missions are more anxious that just at present they should have whatever additional help could be given for the enlargement of their native work, rather than for some more new missionaries, greatly as they want these too. Of course the advantage of taking a new missionary who is just going out ism that she could come and visit your Society, and often people feel more of an interest in some such new missionary than they do in one of the old ones. But, on the other hand, there is always the element of experiment with new missionaries, while one who has already been tried could be taken with confidence that she would be satisfactory. And furthermore, an older missionary would have the language, and be already so related to the work as to be able to interest others in it. And if you could get one who was home on furlough, or soon to come home on furlough, you could have the advantage of a visit from her. Of course there may not be any such missionary available, although you speak of Miss Davison having sent you the name of one or two. If you would let me know what names she sent you, perhaps I could advise you with reference to them. One of them may be a very choice missionaries, in which case I should advise you unhesitatingly to take her.

Please thank Vic for his kindness in sending me a copy of the Buffalo

Jan. 27, 1906.

H.

Mr. Ezra S. Goodman.

2 West 125th St., New York City.

My dear Ezra:--

Thank you very much for your very kind note enclosing the copy of the Five Year Department Policy of the Educational Committee. I trust that it may be carried out in the entire city, and that it will be possible to go even more than those three years from now.

Yours,

I wrote to Fred Smith, who was right, you know exactly what to do with the speech. Only I let me realize that everything, saying him to be sure to let me realize that just as I would like to have some things said about them.

Very affectionately yours,

Mr. Victor Speer, c/o
paper with the Mayor's Message in it. I was wondering how much of it Vic wrote himself.

With very much love from us all to you and to him.

Affectionately yours,

January 26th, 1906.

Mr. H. W. Rankin,

119 Macon Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Rankin:-

Mr. R. S. Miller of Tokyo, is in this country now, as you may know, and I hd a good talk with him the other day regarding conditions in the Far East. He asked me whether I could tell him what prospect there was of the publication of at least the first volume of Dr.McCartee's Life in the near future. He said he had received the impression that for a time at least you thought of the possibility of getting out the first volume, containing Dr. McCartee's reminiscences now, following it later with your supplementary volume. And I judge that he would be very glad if that should still be your purpose. I told him I would drop you a note of inquiry as to what your plans at present were.

I hope that your health is not as frail as it was, and with kind regards, I am,

Your sincere friend,

January 26th, 1906.

Mrs. Minnie H. Morrison,

632 Jefferson Avenue,

Detroit, Michigan.

My Dear Mrs. Morrison:-

It will be a pleasure to be of any service to you in any way in your search for a satisfactory tutor foryour son. M Wrdman, whom Mr. Barr mentioned in his letter to you, and I are bothmakinginquiries, and we will let you or Mr. Barr know if wecan find anyone wh will be entirely satisfactory.

Very cordially yours,

H.

January 27, 1906.

The Rev. R. P. Mackay, D.D.,

Confederation Life Bldg.,

Toronto, Canada.

My dear Dr. Mackay:--

Your good note of the 24th has been received. I am sorry that I cannot go out to the meeting in Winnipeg. It comes, as you intimate, just at the opening of our General Assembly, which meets this year in De. Moines, Iowa. Dr. Brown and Dr. Halsey are to represent us at the Assembly this year, which makes it necessary for me to remain here in New York. It would be a real pleasure to come to the Young Women's Meeting if it were at all possible.

With warm regards,

Very sincerely yours,

H. January 27th, 1906.

Miss Margaret Reeve,

Bryn Mawr College,

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

My dear Miss Reeve:--

I do not know whether you are counting on me to speak at the meeting of the League on Sunday afternoon, February 11th, or not. I should be glad to hear from you as to whether you are. I promised some time ago that I would try to come out from Philadelphia that afternoon to speak, but if you have not been counting upon my doing so I could spend the time very well in Philadelphia.

Very cordially yours,

H. January 27th, 1906

Mr. F. B. Smith,

3 West 29th St., City.

My dear Fred:--

I have just had a talk with Mr. E. C. Mercer, a young business man who has been connected with James Talcott and Company, but who wants to go into Christian work, and with that in view has resigned his place, beginning February first. I have known Mr. Mercer for some time and have watched with the greatest interest his increasing usefulness and efficiency in Christian work. Mr. Hadley, of the Water Street Mission, has left him in charge there when he has gone away. Mr. Hoot of the Young Men's Institute on the Bowery knows him well and has used him extensively there. In other departments of Christian work here in the City Mr. Mercer has done good service, and recently on a visit to the Lehigh University I was told by the men there that he had got remarkable hold upon the students on a recent visit. He is an Episcopalian, but he does not know of any work of just the kind for which he feels best fitted in the Episcopal Church, and he thinks there would be a larger opportunity for what qualifications he has in the Young Men's Christian Association. I have advised him to consider especially the work of Religious Director. I believe he would be a very choice man for such work and have urged him to go to see you. I have wondered whether, if Elliott is laying down his

work in Brooklyn, he may not be just the man for that place. I think he will go to see you soon and I know that you will be glad to meet him. Probably you know him already. I know that in any event you will give him friendly counsel, , and I am under the impression that he is the kind of man you are looking for for the aggressive religious work of the Associations.

Very cordially yours,

H. January 27th, 1906.

Mr. R. S. Miller,

15 West 57th St., City.

My dear Miller:--

I have had to be away a great deal lately, and to my regret found I had an engagement on the evening of January 26th, which, as I recall, was the one night you thought you might be free. I am wondering, however, whether your plans may not have changed so that you are going to be here in the City a little longer. I want very much to have some fuller opportunity to talk with you about conditions in the East and the various matters of common interest to us. If you have no night free, could you not come and take lunch with me some day at one o'clock?

I have written to Mr. Rankin about the biography and shall be interested to get his reply.

Very cordially yours,

Woodrow Wilson

H.

Jan. 27,1906

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,

Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear John:--

I was at the Hill yesterday, and Professor says he is entirely willing to have us exchange our Sundays in April, so that you were to go to Hill for April 8th and have Easter Sunday, April 15th, in your own church, while I would go to your church for April 8th and take Easter Sunday at the Hill. This will surely be far better than to have you away from your own church on Easter Day. If this arrangement suits you, let us regard it as settled.

Very affectionately yours,

H.

Jan. 29th, 1906.

Mr. A. J. Elliott,

Fulton St. Young Men's Christian Assn

Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Elliott:--

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have written to Fred Smith. I have mentioned you to Mr. Mercer, and it may be that he will go to see you also. If you care to write to him, his address is 14 West 21st St.

Very cordially yours,

(enclosure)

January 26th, 1906.

Mr. Fayette B. Dow,

Haverford, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Dow:-

I was very glad to get your no and to learn that you were willing to consider such an opportunity for tutoring next summer as I mentioned. The two boys whom I had in mind are the sons of Mr. Stephen Baker, a banker in New York, whose home is 8 East 75th Street. I am sending Mr. Baker a note telling him of my correspondence with you.

If you are over in New York at any time during the year, you will be sure to come in and se me, will you not?

Your sincere friend,

H.

January 27th, 1906.

To the Post Master,

Nyack, New York.

Dear Sir:--

A day or two before Christmas I mailed to W. M. Speer of Piermont, N.Y., a letter and book addressed, W. M. Speer, Nyack, New York. The letter reached him but the book did not. May I inquire as to whether the book is still in the Post Office, or, if not, where it has been sent.

Very truly yours,

Stamped envelope enclosed.

January 26th, 1906.

Mr. Stephen Baker,

8 East 75th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Baker:-

Mrs. Speer told me that you and Mrs. Baker were looking for a tutor for your boys next summer, to do for them the same kind of work that Mr. Steen did. And she asked me to find out whether a young man from Amherst whom we know, might be available. I have written to him, and he replies that he would be glad to tutor for at least a part of the summer, and would be happy to communicate with you if you wish to take the matter up with him. His name is, Fayette B. Dow, and he is teaching in the Haverford School, Haverford, Pennsylvania. He is a thoroughly fine fellow, whom it would do good if you could have him with you, and who would do just the kind of work that you want with the boys.

With kind regards to Mrs. Baker and the children.

Very cordially yours,

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January 26th, 1906.

The Rev. Harry C. Rogers,

712 Fourth Street,

Madison, Iowa.

My Dear Mr. Rogers:-

In Mr. Trumbull's "Border Lines in the Field of Doubtful Practices," you will find a very useful chapter on the subject of dancing; and I think you will find a great deal else in that little book which would be of help to you in advising your young people in these questions of personal habit and amusements. I wrote a little book several years ago entitled "A Young Man's Questions," in which is the following paragraph regarding dancing:

One of the questions that arises in the realm of a young man's relations to women is the question of dancing. In all the dancing mentioned in the Bible men and women danced separately. If that were the rule today dancing would present no question to a young man. It would have no interest for him. He knows it only as a form of social amusement with women. No fault can be found with "square dances," but four things are to be said about "round dances." First, they distinctly lower the character of conversation. As a simple matter of fact they breed frivolity. Secondly, they are wretchedly indiscriminate. Too often in such dances the men who put their arms about women are not clean enough to be trampled upon by the women with whom they dance. And, when he is clean, how can a gentleman find pleasure in doing in a dance what he would scorn to do if he called upon his partner in the dance in her own home? Thirdly, they do defile some minds. To denounce such minds does not justify dancing. And fourthly, in the eyes of heathen visitors they are unspeakably vulgar. Surely we ought to be slow to encourage what heathen regard as vulgar and indecent.

I do not see any harm in "square dances" any more than in tennis or base ball, and I do not see any special harm in brothers and sisters dancing together if they wished in their own home; but I think that indiscriminate and "round dancing" is silly and foolish from the intellectual point of view, and it is perilous and weakening ethically. I learned to dance as a boy, and never gave it up until my sophomore year in college. Then I did stop absolutely, particularly because it seemed to me a very unworthy sort of pleasure, but secondly, because I felt that it was a very dangerous sort of pleasure to many; and thirdly, because I could not refrain my indignation at the thought that many

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men whom I knew ofin college as men of wrong lives were allowed on such terms of intimacy and association with young women whom they ought not to have been allowed to touch.

Very cordially yours,

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January 26th, 1906.

Mrs. S. J. Barrows,

135 East Fifteenth Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Barrows:-

For some years I have been very much interested in the life of George Bowen, and have gathered a great deal of material for the preparation of a biography. The Rev. J. A. McDonald, now one of the Bishops of the Methodist Church in India, who succeeded Bowen as Editor of the Bombay Guardian, and who had in his possession whatever papers Bowen left, has generously given me all that were in his possession, and I have been collecting all the reminiscences I could get and searching for whatever correspondence of Bowen's might be in existence. Mrs. Hanscomb of Northampton, says that you knew Bowen very well, and that you might have photographs of him, or personal recollections which would be very valuable. I write to inquire whether you have any help which you could give in the preparation of the biography. I should be very grateful for any suggestions from you, or of any help which you might be able and willing to give in the preparation of a biography and study of his character.

Very sincerely yours,

January 26th, 1906.

Mr. Allan Sutherland,

Witherspoon Building,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Sutherland:-

I am very sorry that I cannot furnish any incidents in connection with the Hymns mentioned in your letter of the 22nd. I would gladly do so if I could.

Very sincerely yours,

January 26th, 1906.

Mr. W. Patterson Atkinson,

16 Upper Mountain Avenue,

Montclair, N. J.

My Dear Peter:-

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith somestamps for your boy. He may have all of these, but he may find among them some that will be additions to his collection, and some which are duplicates he can trade with other small boys.

Very cordially yours,

January 26th, 1906.

The Rev. J. McP. Scott, B. A.,

20 Simpson Avenue,

Toronto, Canada.

My Dear Mr. Scott:-

Your very kind note has been received, and I should be glad to be present at your Conference at Whitney if it were possible; but I see no prospect whatever of my being able to come. I shall just have got back a little while before, from a three [illegible] absence attending the Summer Students Confere[illegible] [illegible]d I shall [illegible] the rest of July in order t[illegible] [illegible] that will have accumulated. [illegible] a good Conference, and with kind reg[illegible]

Very sincerely yours,

January 26th, 1906.

Alfred H. Seal, Ph. D.,

Girard College,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Dr. Seal:-

I should be very glad to meet the student to whom you refer, at the close of the morning session in Houston Hall. I think if I were in your place, I would try to get him to read Bushnell's "Nature and the Supernatural," or at least the one chapter in it entitled "The Character of Jesus Forbidding His Possible Classification with Men," or P. Carnegie Simpson's "The Fact of Christ."

Very cordially yours,

January 26th, 1906.

Miss Laura B. McComb,

2231 Thompson Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Miss McComb:-

Your kind note has been received. I have not forgotten the appointment for the evening of Saturday, February tenth. Perhaps eight o'clock would be the better hour, as I have to be in Bellefonte the evening before, and it is better to allow as much margin as possible for train delays. Thank you very much for your helpful direction as to getting to the college.

Very cordially yours,

January 26th, 1906.

The Rev. W. C. Robinson,

202 Walnut Place,

Syracuse, New York,

My Dear Cort:-

Yours is the second letter I have had with reference to the recommendation of Dr. Sauber to the Bellefonte Church. I know Dr. Sauber, and like him very well, but I am not sure that that is the church for him, or that he is the man for the church. I am going out there in a week or two, and shall try to find out what the situation is. I trust that Dr. Sauber may get settled either in that, or in some other field that would be an even better one for happy and useful service.

Very cordially yours,

January 28th, 1906.

Miss Elizabeth V. Coan,

Wooster, Ohio.

My Dear Elizabeth:-

I am sorry to have to say that we have no recent word from Urumia. Our last letters were dated November 15th. The trouble is undoubtedly due to disturbed conditions in Russia. Dr. Potter of Teheran sent his last letters to us by way of Bushire, saying that the conditions in Russia were so disarranging all mails, that he thought that would be the best way to send them. I suppose that if the conditions in Russia continue so disturbed, the missionaries in Urumia will make some arrangements with the British Consul to send mail perhaps by way of Trebizond. It may be, however, that very soon the conditions in Russia will quiet down, so that we shall be able to get letters promptly. There must be big mails somewhere, and of course the people in Persia must be longing for letters from us, just as we are longing for letters from them.

By the last letters Mr. Wratislaw was in Urumia, having come over to be present at the Turkish trial of the Kurds. I am glad that he was there, and probably is there now. It gives one a sense of confidence to have a good strong man like him on the ground.

I received a cablegram several weeks ago, stating that famine conditions were very bad in Persia, and we have cabled something over five hundred dollars out, in addition to two hundred which we had already sent.

I received your good note, and one from Frank, with reference to the little books I sent out to you at Christmas time. I hope you are both well, and with much love to you both, I am,

Very affectionately yours,

January 28th, 1906.

Miss Charlotte Van Der Veen,

201 First Avenue,

Joliet, Illinois.

My Dear Miss Van Der Veen:-

I have read with very much interest the little article by your father, on "Dives and Lazarus." It interested me very much. I wish I could have read more things that he had written. How terrible that problem of equality becomes when anybody tries directly to work it out. It does not look so hard when we look up to those who have more than we have, but it looks very hard when we look down to those who have less than we have. And while it seems simple to many good people who are true and unselfish, it seems amazingly difficult in a world where there is so much badness and selfishness. And just as much of it, perhaps, among the Lazarus class as in the Dives class. There is scartely any problem of practical living which seems to me more perplexing.

I am glad that you are going to take up again the manuscript which you let me read some time ago. If you are ever in Chicago, I would advise you to take it to the Winona Publishing Company, and see whether they would not accept it, either just as it is, or with any changes you might make.

With kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

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January 26th, 1906.

The Rev. T. S. Wynkoop, D. D.,

Allahabad, N. W. P, India.

My Dear Dr. Wynkoop:-

I am very much obliged for your kindness in sending me a copy of the Pioneer, containing the interesting address by a Mohommedan on "Education in India."

I spent the last two Sundays in New Haven, at Yale University, and each afternoon spent an hour or two in one of the rooms in Dwight Hall meeting students personally. On the walls of the room there are hanging pictures of Yale missionaries, and there is one little group of men, among whom are you and Dr. Robert, Mr. Eddy, and three or four others, which I was glad to see. I do not think I am mistaken in thinking you are in the group.

With kind regards to Mrs. Wynkoop and yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

H.

February 1st, 1906.

Miss Agnes Sloan,

Abbot Academy, Andover, Mass.

My dear Miss Sloan:--

I have delayed answering your kind note of January 11th inviting me down to the Academy before the evening meeting until I could know definitely what train it would be possible for me to go up on. I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to get to Andover in time for dinner, but I shall hope to come out, at the latest, on the train arriving at 7.28, and shall come up at once to the Academy.

Very cordially yours,

H.

February 1st, 1906.

President D. C. Day,

Andover, Massachusetts.

My dear President Day:--

Your very kind note of yesterday is just received. I am looking forward with much pleasure to the Sunday at Andover.

Very cordially yours,

February 1st, 1906.

Mr. Alfred E. Stearns,

Andover, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Stearns:--

Your very kind note was received yesterday. Mrs. Speer would rejoice to come up with me if she could, but I know that she will not feel that she can leave the children now for such a brief and hurried trip; and we are, moreover, trying to get a new home in order to move in in the spring, and one or the other of us likes to be at home to keep watch.

I have promised to speak at Abbot Academy Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, and Miss Bloom has invited me to dine there before the meeting, but I shall not be able to get up to Andover in time for this. I shall come up to your house after the meeting with the girls.

Looking forward with very much pleasure to it, and with kind regards to Mrs. Stearns and yourself,

Your sincere friend,

Robert

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January 31st, 1906.

The Rev. Charles R. Robinson, D. D.,

Pelham Manor, New York.

My dear Uncle Charley:--

It was a delight to get yesterday your good letter about the dinner on Friday evening. I have spoken to the people having charge of the arrangements of the seating about you. I believe the whole matter is in Mr. Dulles' hands now and I know he will arrange things the best way he can. I believe that Mrs. Spear and I were to be at a table with Mr. and Mrs. Schiefflin and Mr. and Mrs. Baker. I shall try to see Mr. Dulles some time before Friday, if possible, and find out just what the arrangements are. It would be very nice if the powers that are managing the thing, of whom I am not one, would locate us all together.

With much love to Aunt Clara,

Very affectionately yours,

Frank Spear

H.

January 31st, 1906.

The Rev. David Baines-Griffiths,

Spuytenduyvil, New York.

My dear Mr. Baines-Griffiths:--

Your kind note of yesterday is just received. I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your cordial invitation, but I have already as many engagements, either definitely made, or in prospect, as I can hope to be able to fill.

Very cordially yours,

Frank Spear

H. January 31, 1906.

The Rev. Luther A. Oates,

Bridgeton, New Jersey.

My dear Luther:--

It was a pleasure to receive this morning your good note, but I am sorry to have to say there is no prospect of my being able to get down to Bridgeton for a Sunday. I have all my Sundays engaged until July. I wish you could get some one of our good missionaries now at home -- a man like Dr. Rogers of the Philippines, for example. He is a very acceptable speaker, and a very attractive man, and he is doing fine work wherever he goes, and if you want to write to him some time, his address is: Dr. J. B. Rogers, 98 State St., Utica, New York.

I hope that you are very well. Some time when you are up here for a night, come out and read "Uncle Remus" to my youngsters.

Ever your friend,

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February 2nd, 1906.

Miss Elizabeth Coan,

Hoover Cottage, Wooster, Ohio.

My dear Elizabeth:--

We received yesterday one letter from Urumia dated December 30th. It was from Mr. Shedd and spoke especially of the matter of the trial of the Kurds, for which Mr. Wratislaw has come to Urumia. The only general statement in it is, "We are all well, but there is no special news to write. We are having very cold weather and the poor about us are suffering terribly." Perhaps you got letters by the same mail.

Very affectionately yours,

Daughter of Persia letters [illegible] I hope you

H.

January 31st, 1906.

Mr. W. J. Norton,

540 West 148th St., City.

Dear Sir:--

I am very much obliged for your kind invitation to the Fifth Annual dinner of the New York Northfield-Hermon Club; but I have other engagements, which will make it impossible for me to come.

Very cordially yours,

H. January 31st, 1906.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald,

The Globe Toronto, Canada.

My dear Macdonald:--

I knew of the plan to have you speak at the Nashville Convention and have rejoiced at your willingness to come.

I do not know whether you have a good missionary library accessible, but if you have, I should think it might be worth your while to glance at Young's "Success of Christian Missions"; Brown's "New Forces in Old China"; Col. Denby's "China and her People", especially the references to Missions; the article on Objections and Criticisms of Missions, in the new edition of the Encyclopedia of Missions, and the last chapter in Volume II of a somewhat ponderous book which I published a year or two ago on Missions and Modern History. The concluding chapter is entitled, "Missions and the World Movement.

I like the outline which you suggest and would venture to add a little to it.

1. The function of the press as an agency in the progress of civilization.

2. Its duty to deal with missions as one of the great civilizing agencies.

3. What can it do?

(1) Study the Missionary Movement so as to know the actual facts.

(2) Present the news about the Missionary Move-

ment, just as about any other living movement.

(3) Hold civilization true to a real missionary purpose in its projection over the world.

(4) Antagonize all wrongs to non-Christian peoples which block the progress of true civilization.

(5) Criticise Missions fairly and also the critics of Missions.

(6) Interpret history and all the developments which enter in its highest relations and significance. So interpret it that the aim and actual achievments of Missions will secure their right recognition.

Looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you, and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[signature]

H. ✓ January 31st, 1906.

Mr. David L. Probert,
Charlotte, N. Carolina.

My dear Mr. Proberd:--

I appreciate very much the cordiality of your letter of the 27th, but it will be impossible for me to accept your kind invitation. I shall have to be at Nashville for Sunday, March 4th, and I shall have to be here for Sunday, February 25th.

Very cordially yours,

[signature]

H. Jan. 31st, 1906.

Mr. Harvey J. Howard,

Howard Houston Hall, Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Mr. Howard:--

I should be glad to speak for the Student Volunteer Union on Saturday evening, the 10th, but I have already promised to speak that night at the Women's Medical College.

Very sincerely yours,

H. January 30th, 1906.

Mr. Charles E. Hauck,

Room 14, 132 La Salle St.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Hauck:--

I am sorry that there is no possibility of my accepting your kind invitation for April 19th. I have already engagements here that will make it impossible for me to be in Chicago that week.

Trusting you may have a good Convention, I am

Very sincerely yours,

February second, 1906.

Mr. Edgar K. Morrow,

Delaware, Ohio.

My Dear Mr. Morrow:-

I am very much obliged for your kind invitation of January 31st, but it will not be possible for me to come to Delaware on the way to or from Nashville. Ishall have to stay here until the latest hour, and shall have to come directly back from Nashville after the Convention. There is no possibility of my coming out any other time this winter, either.

I presume you will have a good delegation at Nashville, and I trust that the Convention may result in a great deepening of the missionary interest at Ohio Wesleyan.

Very cordially yours,

February second, 1906.

Mr. Will R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My Dear Will:-

I enclose herewith a note from Professor Davis of Princeton Seminary, regarding Dr. Reich.

Very affectionately yours,

February second, 1906.

Dr. Alfred N. Seal,
Girard College,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Dr. Seal:-

I have just received a note from Bryn Mawr, stating that, in view of examinations and vacation, it will not be worth while to have the meeting which it was proposed to hold on the afternoon of February the eleventh. I am afraid it is altogether too late now to offer to speak for you at Girard College that afternoon, but if it is not I should be glad to come. If it is too late, I should be glad to have the afternoon for other uses. I shall be staying in Philadelphia, at the home of the Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D., 4224 Spruce Street,

Very sincerely yours,

H. February 2nd, 1906.

Mr. Amos R. Wells,
Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wells:--

The Bible Studies which appeared first in the Christian Endeavor World were subsequently published by Revell in a little book entitled "The Principles of Jesus".

Very cordially yours,

February 1st, 1906.

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Mr. C. S. Hood,

Corning, New York.

My dear Mr. Hood:--

I was delighted to receive this morning your good letter of yesterday with the enclosed letter of November 21st returning Mr. Finley's letters to me. Some of his letters have been very full of his spiritual convictions and comments on the religious life of the people, and I suppose that, as you say, he rather took this side for granted in his last letters and dealt with other things.

I was so glad to read what you wrote about Harlan Page and Uncle John Vassar. Dr. Trumbull told me much about Mr. Vassar, and I have long been interested in him and Harlan Page. Where did you get their biographies? I would like to get copies if I knew where to secure them. Something could be done at least in a small way surely to maintain and perpetuate the influence of their lives.

I am so glad that your son is going down to Nashville. I wish you could come down too. It will be a great meeting.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

February second, 1906.

My Dear Vic:-

The only man I can think of at the moment, for the position of Superintendent of Police in Buffalo, is Captain Alec Piper. He is a cousin of Emma's, is a West Point man, was Deputy Commissioner of Police here, I think when General Green was Commissioner, and I judge that whatever efficiency there was in the police at that time was due to Captain Piper. It was he who inaugurated the traffic regulations which are now quite a feature of the police administration here. He is an absolutely clean and honest man, as far as I can judge. I think he was the first of the military men to take a strong hand in police administration here. And there was a good deal in the papers at the time, of the stiffness with which he ran things. He has only one arm, having lost the other I think in an accident.

There are many here who of course could tell you about his work in the New York Department, and who could speak much more directly of his characteristics than I can. If I can be of any help in getting information about him, please let me know.

I do not know where he is now, but Emma can find out his address if you want it.

Emma and I were up at Piermont the other evening, dining with Will and Margaret, and had a delightful evening.

With much love to you and Anna.

Your brother,

Mr. Victor Speer,

Buffalo,

New York.

February second, 1906.

Mr. Thomas S. Evans,

Howard Houston Hall,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Tom:-

Thank you very much for your note of February first. I am not quite clear as to what you mean by the "second" meeting. As you wrote to me that you did not expect to have an evening meeting, I have promised to speak for Dr. Miller in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in the evening. If you mean a meeting at noon, immediately after the morning service, I shall be glad to do what you suggest.

Thank you very much for your offer of entertainment, but I have accepted an invitation from Dr. Miller to stay with him.

Very cordially yours,

H.

February 1st, 1906.

Mr. M. C. Hazard,

"The Pilgrim Teacher", Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hazard:--

I send you herewith a few more notes for the Pilgrim Teacher, in case you should wish to use any of them. Will you kindly return to me whatever ones you may not use?

Very cordially yours,

(enclosures)

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February second, 1906.

The Rev. Harlan P. Beach,

3 West 29th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Beach:-

Please do not feel any concern over the complications with reference to the material for the Exhibit. We are only happy to help you in any way.

With reference to the list of books which I sent you, I would say that that is not a complete list of all the books written by our missionaries. I did not mention the old books at all, but only the newer ones. If I were to go back and make a list of all that had been written by our missionaries from the beginning, I think it would double or treble the list which I sent you. I should be glad to do this if you wish it.

Very cordially yours,

H. February 5th, 1906.

Mr. F. P. Turner,

3 West 29th St., City.

My dear Turner:--

Dr. Thomas F. Staley of Bristol, Tennessee, writes that he and Major Reynolds expect to be at Nashville representing the Bristol Young Men's Christian Association, and are anxious for tickets of admission to the Convention. I think he has written to you, but I have told him that I would mention the matter in writing. I am not sure whether he was once a Volunteer or not, but I think he is a man who wants to put forth his influence for Christ and the extension of the Kingdom.

I am sorry to have to say in reply to your note of the 28th that Mrs. Speer is not expecting to go down with me. We had hoped that she could go, but our new house project is at a stage where one or the other of us ought to be at home. If you will let me off from the Convention I shall be happy to stay at home and arrange for her to go.

As I wrote you the other day, Dr. Brown will have charge of the Denominational Conference of our Church, inasmuch as Dr. Halsey will be staying here.

Thanking you very much for your note of assignment to the Maxwell Hotel,

Very cordially yours,

H. February 5th, 1906

The Rev. H. A. Bridgeman,

14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Bridgeman:--

Thank you very much for your kind note of the first with the enclosed clipping from the Transcript. I hope when you read over the address, in case it is printed, you will not feel that it is as polemical as it sounded. In smoothing it off a little I have not in the least attempted to gloss over any of its insistence on what seems to me to be fundamental.

I have not yet read Dr. Peabody's book on "Christ and the Christian Character", although I expect to read it shortly. His other book on "Jesus Christ and the Social Question" I read with very much interest. I think the sentence of his that you quote will probably do as well as any to illustrate the difference in his point of view and mine. He says "the first demand of Jesus is not for orthodoxy or ecstasy but for morality." I would change only the last word and say "the first demand of Jesus is not for orthodoxy or for ecstasy, but for personal discipleship.

I read in a Methodist magazine published here a few days ago the statement that, to the question, "What is the greatest gift Jesus gave to the world?" Governor Guild replied, "Himself", and ex-Secretary Long, "The Sermon on the Mount". I think that presents the issue very clearly. If the message of Jesus is a demand for morality, then I

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must say that it is a simple message of despair. If it is a message of life, then it is a message of jubilant hope, and I can give it to men with gladness and eager joy.

I do not believe that this is mere juggling with words; I believe that there is a great issue here. It is the issue of all the Christian centuries. Every generation has had to face it in some form and the Christian Church has survived and enlarged its power only because, in the main, a true Christology has triumphed. I hope that you and your paper will throw your influence more and more on the side of a high Christological interpretation of the Gospel which includes and transcends and alone can nourish a full ethical interpretation.

With warm regard,

Your sincere friend,

T.

February 3rd, 1906.

Mr. Paul D. Moody,

349 Laurel St., Hartford, Conn.

My dear Paul:--

I had already heard of your leaving Mt. Hermon for Hartford and have been very much interested to know of your plans. I trust that you may find in the work of the Seminary just what you are seeking and that the issues may fully convince you of the wisdom of the course you are following.

Thank you very much for the suggestion about the book reviews. I shall try to send you some as soon as I can. I have on hand now some very good books, -- indeed, just the kind that ought to be noticed in the Record. I have so much else on hand, however, and we are so short here in our secretarial force, that I am not sure that I shall be able to get many reviews done in the near future.

I have enjoyed reading your own reviews and am glad you speak out so honestly in them. You were a little hard, but I do not say you were too hard, and you exactly expressed my own feeling in your note with reference to "St. Cuthbert's".

If you are ever down here, I hope you will be sure to drop in, and if you ever have a night in the City, Mrs. Speer and I would be glad to have you come out and stay with us.

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer

February second, 1906.

The Rev. Henry E. Jackson,

Swarthmore, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Jackson:-

I am very much obliged for the copy of Dr. Thompson's Sermon. It is a sermon that ought to be kept in print, and I am glad that you have published it in such a nice form.

Very cordially yours,

February second, 1906.

To the Post Office Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Two or three days before last Christmas, I mailed to Nyack, New York, a letter and an accompanying book, addressed to William M. Speer, Nyack, N. Y. Mr. Speer's Post Office address is Piermont, N. Y., three miles from Nyack, and the letter was forwarded to him to this address, but not the book. The Postmaster at Nyack says he has no record of the book. If it is in the Dead Letter Office I should be glad to have it returned to me.

Very truly yours,

February fifth, 1906.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Charlie:-

I enclose herewith two editorial paragraphs, and the Young People's Meeting copy for March 11th.

Thank you very much for the last word of appreciation from one of your readers about the Little Boy article.

Cery affectionately yours,

February second, 1906.

The Rev. W. W. Atterbury, D. D.,

Bible House,

New York City.

My Dear Dr. Atterbury:-

Can you tell me who was the publisher, and who it was who wrote the Introduction to the American edition of the "Amens of Christ"? I have a copy of this Introduction, and it is very interesting; but whoever made the copy does not state who it was who wrote the Intriduction. Could you tell me? or tell me where I could find out?

I hope you may have a very comfortable stay in the South, and with kind regards, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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February fifth, 1906.

The Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Dr. Miller:-

I have delayed answering your good note of January 29th until I could be sure about the afternoon of February 11th. I was expecting to be at Bryn Mawr that afternoon, but have promised Dr. Seal of Girard College that I would come and speak there in case I did not have to go to Bryn Mawr. I heard just a few days ago that on account of examinations and vacation, the young women of Bryn Mawr think it would scarcely be worth while for me to come then, so I expect to speak in the afternoon at Girard College. That will make it impossible to have the pleasure of going to your Sunday school.

I shall find my way some time in the evening of the tenth to your house. I have promised to speak that evening at the Woman's Medical College, and shall come directly out to you after the meeting.

Very affectionately yours,

February fifth, 1906.

Mr. Andrew Stevenson,

950 First National Bank Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Stevenson:-

I am very much obliged to you for the clipping from the Record Herald reporting Mr. Forgan's address. There is some very good material in the address to quote in talking to young men about character. I am very much obliged for it, and hope you will send me anything else of the same sort that you hear or see at any time.

With cordial regards.

Your sincere friend,

February fifth, 1906.

Mr. A. W. Robinson,

519 Tremont Temple,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Robinson:-

I return herewith the report of my address at the meeting of the Evangelistic Association. If you are in no hurry in the printing of it, and wish me to read the proof, I should be glad to do so, as some of my interlineations may be obscure to the printer. If you print it will you please send me a few copies of it?

Very sincerely yours,

February fifth, 1906.

The Honorable Selden P. Spencer,

421 Olive Street,

St. Louis, Mo.

My Dear Judge Spencer:-

I received your letter of January 29th with reference to Brooke's feeling regarding the Bible teaching at the Hill School, just a few days after I had been at the school and had a talk with him. I had a talk also with Professor and Mrs. John about it, and hope the next time I go over to have a talk with the Bible teacher himself. I do not know what he has been saying. My impression is that the Bible teaching this year is very much more constructive and less tinged with the higher criticism than it has been in some preceding years. I know that Professor's desire is to have the Bible teaching positively helpful, and not negative and critical; and from the brief talks I have had with the man who has the Sixth Form, I have thought that his teaching was likely to be really useful and helpful; but I shall try to have a talk with him. I am sure that his purpose and desire are right.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

February fifth, 1906.

Mr. F. H. Andrews,

Plainfield, New Jersey.

My Dear Fred:-

Your good letter was received last week, and this morning I had a call from Mr. Travers, who was very cordial in his invitation to me to come up for a Sunday. I have promised to go up in September if nothing arises to prevent. I am glad he is taking hold so well, and earnestly trust that he may be able to go up to Northfield with the men. He invited me to come this spring, but all my Sundays are filled. I told him I could come in July, but September would be a better time than that, as one class will be away on furlough then.

I hope that you and Mrs. Andrews are well, and that you may have business up this way soon, or I may have business in the Produce Exchange. I think the former is more likely.

Very affectionately yours,

February sixth, 1906.

Mr. Fayette B. Dow,
Haverford College,
Haverford, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Dow:-

I saw the other day, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Baker, who are looking for someone to be with their boys next summer, and they asked me to find out from you as to whether you could be with them from, say the first of July, through September. Last year they had a very fine man, but he had to leave them late in August or early September, I believe, very much to their disappointment. They are willing to wait a little bitin the early part of the summer, I think, but want a someone to come to them, say early in July to stay on through September. If the place were just what would appeal to you, could you do this?

Your sincere friend,

H. February 7th, 1906.

The Hon. Edwin D. Morgan,

Department of State, Washington, D. C.

My dear Morgan:--

I very much enjoyed and profited by our talk the other afternoon, and shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you when you come back from Washington. Will it be possible for you then to set an hour when my associates, Dr. Brown and Dr. Halsey, and I could have a little talk with you together. I know they would value the privilege, and you could speak with perfect freedom to them of any of the things that you said to me or any other points that we ought to have in mind.

I spent last Sunday at Andover, and the day brought back vividly the pleasant years long since past.

Mrs. Speer was very glad to get your kind message, and at any time when you are here and have any time hanging heavily on your hands, if this ever happens with you, we should rejoice to have you in our home again.

Very sincerely yours,

February sixth, 1906.

Mr. William C. Lilley,

Post Office Box 316,

Pittsburg, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Lillie:-

I have delayed answering your good letter of January 23rd, until I could see a little more clearly what my summer plans are likely to be. I cannot yet be absolutely certain regarding them, but I think it will be possible for me to accept your invitation for Sunday, July 22nd. Will it be satisfactory if I put that down among my engagements, and let you know within the next few months, in case any re-arrangements in our work here for the wummer seem likely to make it impossible for me to come?

Very cordially yours,

H.

February 7th, 1906

Mr. Charles W. Gelkie,

700 Park Ave., New York City.

My dear Gelkie:--

I have been slow in sending a final word with reference to the summer Conferences, but I shall try to plan to make the circuit as outlined in our conference. The Students' Conference at Silver Bay has asked me to come there for Sunday, July first. I have told them that I thought I ought to go to Northfield for that Sunday, and would give them, if they wished, June 27th and 28th.

Very cordially yours,

R.A.T.

H. February 7th, 1906.

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey,
15th and Chestnut Streets,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Caskey:--

Thank you very much for your kind note of the 5th, but I have already to speak at Girard College Sunday afternoon. That is the only Sunday I have in Philadelphia, however, this winter or spring, so that it will not be possible to come any other day.

Very cordially yours,

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H. February 7th, 1906.

Miss Susan H. Clute,

289 Fourth Ave., New York City.

My dear Miss Clute:--

Your kind note of January 25th came some days ago. I shall be very glad to plan to go to the Students' Conference at Silver Bay, but they want me at the Mens' Conference at Northfield for the closing Sunday, July first, and as the first Monday in July is the date for the regular meeting of our Board, I think, perhaps, I ought to go to Northfield for that Sunday, as I can get back from there in time for our Board meeting. It may be that this meeting will be omitted, but I cannot count on that now. So that, as Mr. Gelkie worked out the plans some time ago it seemed best, if convenient for you, for me to be at Silver Bay on June 27th and 28th. Will this be satisfactory?

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

February 7th, 1906.

H.

The Rev. George H. Gillespie,

Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

My dear George:--

Your good note of the fifth was received yesterday. The church which Dr. Chapman left was the Lafayette Avenue. My brother is a member of that church. I did not know whether they had found a minister yet or not. I know that for a long, long time they were looking for one. If you would like me to do so, I should be glad to send a note up to my brother, whose judgment I think would have influence.

With reference to Dr. Nichols' church in Binghamton, I would say that I received a letter several weeks ago from a lawyer in Binghamton, a member of that church, asking me for suggestions, and I sent him your name.

Do not hesitate at all to let me know of any clues worth following up. I shall be only happy to be of help.

With warm regards to Mrs. Gillespie and yourself,

Ever your friend,

February eighth, 1906.

Mrs. Philip E. Howard,

4235 Sansome Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Anna:-

Emma and I received your very kind note about next Sunday, but Emma will not be able to come over, and I have already accepted an invitation to stay with Dr. J. R. Miller. I am leaving to-night for Bellefonte, Penna., where I have an engagement to-morrow, and shall get back to Philadelphia on Saturday evening. I am very sorry that I cannot have the pleasure of coming to stay with you. It would be a great joy to come if I could.

With much love to Phil.

Your sincere friend,

February eighth, 1906.

Professor Francis Brown,

700 Park Avenue,

New York City.

My Dear Professor Brown:-

I am very thankful for your good note of February seventh, regarding Dr. Reich. I think Mr. Moody wanted his address for the purpose of asking him to write an article for the Record of Christian Work, a monthly magazine published by Mr. Moody at Northfield. In sending the address I shall quote your letter in full to him, because I am sure he would want to know just what sort of a man Dr. Reich is.

I read one of Dr. Reich's articles, and am very glad indeed to note what you say about him.

Thanking you sincerely for your kindness, I am,

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Speer.

February eighth, 1906.

Mr. Will R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My Dear Will:-

I wrote to Professor Francis Brown, of Union, asking him if he knew Dr. Reich's address, and received from him the enclosed note, which I have told him I would send on to you. I answered it that you had been thinking of Dr. Reich in connection with an article for the Record of Christian Work, and that I knew also you wanted to know what sort of a man he was, and I would send now Dr. Brown's judgment.

Dr. Brown is a very fair man, of thoroughly kind and Christian spirit.

What a difference one's point of view makes in one's judgment! At the same time, Dr. Davis said clearly, I think, that he did not know Dr. Reich, and could only speak of articles which he had read.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer.

February 13th, 1906.

Mr. Fayette B. Dow,

Haverford School,

Haverford, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Dow:-

I was glad to get your note of the eighth, which I have sent to Mr. Baker. I have asked him if I could do anything further in the matter to let me know, and I have suggested to him that he might take it up directly with you.

Very cordially yours,

February 13th, 1906.

Mr. Stephen Baker,

8 East 75th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Baker:-

I enclose herewith a note from Mr. Dow, to whom I wrote with reference to the months of the summer during which he might be free. If there is anything further that I can do in connection with the matter, will you please let me know? Or, if you prefer, wont you take up the matter directly with Mr. Dow?

Very cordially yours,

February 13th, 1906.

Professor D. E. Jenkins,

New Salem, Penna.

My Dear Dannie:-

I expect to be here in New York for all of next week, with the exception of Thursday, which is Washington's Birthday, and shall be very happy to see you. Dr. Halsey, however, had all the correspondence with Mr. Lampe and about him, and he is the man you will want to see when you are here. At the same time, I want to see you whether you want to see me or not, so do not fail to look in. You would better let me go down with you to Dr. Halsey's office, anyway, when you come in, because a good many things have been taken from our floor in the last year or two, and I would'nt want the janitor to lay hands on you as a suspicious person. It might injure you if such a report should go back to Omaha.

It will be so good to see you again, and if you have any pulmonary trouble, and will just send me word, I will write to Jim Campbell to come over with his oil can, and may be we can fix you up!

Very affectionately yours,

Alex.

February 13th, 1906.

Mr. F. P. Turner,

3 West 129th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Turner:-

I have a letter from the Rev. M. M. Anderson, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, asking me to be his guest while I am down at the Convention. He says that he lives less than a block from the Maxwell House. Is there any reason why you would prefer to have me at the Maxwell House? I shall not answer Dr. Anderson until I hear from you.

Very cordially yours,

February 14th, 1906.

Mr. A. W. Brehner,

Y. M. C. A.,

Rockford, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Brehner:-

Your telegram inviting me to come to Rockford to speak on March fourth, is just received. You did not ask for a reply by telegraph, so I am venturing to save the charge by replying in this way. I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation. I have engagements for all my Sundays for many months ahead, and March fourth is the Sunday of the Student Volunteer Convention when I expect to be in Nashville. Even if I were free for a Sunday, the pressure of the work here at present is so great that I should not be able to take the two or three days that would be necessary for the journey to Rockford and back.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

February 14th, 1906.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,

26 Broadway, New York City.

My dear Mr. Rockefeller:--

I am very much obliged for your kind note of yesterday with reference to the meeting of last Wednesday evening. It was a great pleasure to speak to the men and to meet you again. I am glad to know of the fine result of the Sunday evening meeting. Mr. Smith is doing a remarkable work. I rejoice in it because it is good work in itself, and also because of its strong and pervasive influence upon the work of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The day after our meeting I went out to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, to speak at the dedication of a gymnasium and Young Men's Christian Association building there, built in memory of Hugh Beaver. I do not know whether you ever heard of him, but he was one of the rarest and truest Christian young men I have known. While there I read over again a little Memorial volume which I prepared regarding him eight or nine years ago, and the renewed contact with his pure, loving and utterly devoted life brought back such fresh help to me that I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of the little Memorial herewith. My effort in preparing it was to obscure as little as possible the clear shining of the light of the Saviour's life from the life of Hugh.

With cordial regard,

Your sincere friend,

February 14th, 1906.

Miss Elizabeth L. Ely,
85th St. and Riverside Drive,
New York City.

My dear Miss Ely:--

Your kind note with its enclosure has been received. I am very much obliged. I was glad of the opportunity of speaking to your girls once again.

Very cordially yours,

February 14th, 1906.

Mr. A. W. Robinson,
519 Tremont Temple,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Robinson:--

I think "Our Only Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" would be a good title for the address.

Very sincerely yours,

February 14th, 1906.

Mr. S. M. Sayford,

Box 146, Harrisburg, Penn.

My dear Uncle Sam:--

I do not know how long you are going to be in Pennsylvania, but I send this letter to you at the address given. I rejoice to hear of the good time at Dickinson, and trust you had a good visit also at State. I would have been glad to have gone over from Bellefonte when I was there last week, but there was not time.

How would "Our Only Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" do for a title for the cover of the little pamphlet. Mr. Robinson has written about the matter and I am sending this suggestion to him.

Very affectionately yours,

Kate

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February 14th, 1906.

Mr. Joel C. Linninger,

195 State Street,

Chicago, Ills.

My Dear Mr. Linninger:-

It was a pleasure to receive the other day your good letter of February eighth. I am glad that you have Miss Vanderveen's little MS's., and that you are thinking of publishing it. I trust it may be a very useful and helpful book to many young women and girls.

With reference to your suggestion that I might write an introduction, I am sorry to say that the two things I have refrained from doing have been, to write introductions for books, and to get my picture into the papers. There have been two exceptions with reference to introductions, one the Biography of Irene Petrie, and the other Dr. Zwemer's Life of Raymond Lull. I wrote these because they were missionary books which I felt I ought officially to commend as they met urgent needs; but, although I have been asked many times to write introductions to other books -- books on personal work, and general religious books, I have refrained from doing so. It is unusually hard to do this in the case of Miss Vanderveen's book, because I have been very much interested in her letters, and would be happy to be of service to her, but I think I had better stick by my principles.

I am glad that the Winona Publishing Company is under your care, and I wish you the truest and best success in connection with it.

I remember with the greatest pleasure the meetings in Chicago, and the very great cordiality with which you and the others came down to welcome me.

Hoping to see you again in the not distant future, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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February 15th, 1906.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Charlie:--

Phil asked me to send over some notes on the papers of the articles in your symposium. I enclose them herewith. There is more in some of them than you will want, but you can easily pick out from these statements enough for your papers.

I am so sorry to know that Mrs. Trumbull has not been well. I took your letter about her home to Mrs. Speer that she might read it.

It would have been a great pleasure to have seen you last Sunday in Philadelphia if I could have done so.

I read over, at lunch to-day, the articles in the Symposium with the greatest interest, and made plenty of notes for an article of my own. My only misgiving is whether I shall get time to write it, for I have so much more on hand now than I have any hope of being able to do, but if I can do it I shall be glad of course to try to help you in this way.

Very affectionately yours,

Rec'd

February 17th, 1906.

General James A. Beaver,

Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

My Dear General Beaver:-

I asked Mrs. Beaver to tell you how much I was enjoying the History of the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, but I write a word to you to thank you for that book. It is simply great. I got started in it before reaching Tyrone, and my only difficulty ever since has been to attend to business instead of reading about the war in that book. I have spoken about it to a number of people, and I have already told some of the stories out of it to the children. Mr. Baer came up to-day to show me the copy which you had kindly sent him, in response to his request, which I encouraged him to make; and while I will try to refrain from setting anybody else to asking you for copies, I am afraid I cannot promise to refrain from advertising the book now and then, for giving a clear, intelligent view of the war, as I have never read anything better. And when the book wasn't instructing me, I was either holding my sides over its funny stories, or crying over the pathos of it. I have tried to tell the "Sisters Story" several times, but it has been almost too much for me. I am glad that I brought away from Bellefonte, not only the delight which it always is to be with you and Mrs. Beaver, but also this splendid book.

With much love to Mrs. Beaver.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert T. Lincoln

February 17, 1906.

The Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.,

Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Dr. Miller:--

Your very kind letter came several days ago. I did so much enjoy my visit with you and the privilege of speaking to the splendid congregation in the evening at St. Paul's Church. I shall be delighted to come h[illegible] again, although I really have practically promised Dr. Dana and Dr. Lee to speak for them the first opportunity that I have in Philadelphia; but you may [illegible] shall come back to St. Paul just as soon as it is possible.

With warm regards to all your family.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer

February 17th, 1906.

Mr. R. S. Miller,

309 Buffalo Street,

Ithaca, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Miller:-

I return herewith the correspondence enclosed in your letter of February tenth. I am afraid the case is hopeless.

I expect to be here in my office all day Saturday the 24th, and probably on Wednesday and Friday, too, and shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you then, and also down at Nashville.

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer

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February 17th, 1906.

Mr. E. F. Tenney,

Roselle, New Jersey.

My Dear Mr. Tenney:-

Some other good men for your Men's Meeting at Roselle, would be Mr. George Warburton of the Madison Avenue Y. M. C. A., just above the Grand Central Station. Mr. E. W. Booth, who has charge of the work of the Y. M. C. A. of New York City, and whose offices are here in this building. Mr. J. W. Sproul, President of a Bank in New York, and President, also I think, of the Christian Endeavor Union of the State of New Jersey. Mr. E. T. Colton, who is Mr. Mott's right hand man, 5 West 29th Street. Mr. Charles W. Gilkey, 708 Park Avenue, N. Y. City, who has been for several years in the college work of the Y. M. C. A.

These are all good men, and I think there would be more likelihood of getting some of them than of getting Mr. Smith. At the same time, they are busy men, with plenty of urgent calls pressing on them all the time. And each of them driven hard by his own particular work.

If later the pressure relaxes a little here, and I find it at all possible to come, of course I shall be glad to do so; but I realize too clearly that I am near the edge in the matter of my first work and duties and cannot take too many chances with other work, beyond that which I have already assumed.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

February 20th, 1906.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Charlie:-

Your telegram is just received, and I send at once the Young People's copy for March 18th and 25th.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer.

February 20th, 1906.

Mr. William O. Gantz,

52 Broadway,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Gantz:-

Very few things have got done here in this office the last week or two that it has not been absolutely necessary to do, and I suspect a good many people will be thinking that the list includes some things that it was necessary to do.

The subject that you suggested in your letter of February tenth certainly gives a man room enough to roam around in, and I am entirely satisfied with it if it rounds out the program which your Committee has planned. Or, if you want to put it a little more brief, you might say - "What we are Christians for." But the subject you suggest will suit me all right, if you prefer it phrased in that way.

Very cordially yours,

February 17th, 1906.

Mr. L. H. Miller,

Princeton, N. J.

My Dear Luke:-

I am sorry not to have been able to answer earlier your letter of February seventh, and your note accompanying Dr. Dennis's list of names.

I have known of Mr. Janvier's Princeton Hall at Allahabad for a long, long time. More than once in discussing the possibility of definite Princeton work, I have mentioned the Allahabad College as an institution which Princeton could take hold of and make a distinctive Princeton educational centre in Northern India. The opportunity is as great and inviting as the field which Yale has occupied in China. The idea has never seemed to take with others, however, partly perhaps because there has been no one like Gailey to push it, and partly because the Allahabad College has been connected with our Board, although that difficulty might easily have been removed by our handing the College over to Princeton, if Princeton had been willing to assume it. All this is in the past, however, but it is pertinent as indicating that that Allahabad idea was in the field long before the recent developments of our Mission in North China, and Janvier has been working away at this Princeton building for a long while.

Your understanding I think is correct, that Janvier is just now working for a building, and has no idea of any recurrent obligation for which the Princeton Alumni are to be touched.

So far as the constituency is concerned, there is abundant money in it for both the building at Allahabad and the work in North China; and the Allahabad dollars, for which Janvier is asking are to go a good deal further, and each one to be expected to do far more than the North China dollars. For the Allahabad project is working on a most frugal lines, and is driving its money to the full extent. It already has a big work under way, and Mr. Wanamaker has just sent out an electrical and mechanical engineer to open up that department.

If Janvier could clean up his building and get it out of the way, then the field would be clear for the other. It would be confusing to have the two appeals circulating among the Alumni at the same time.

Might we not perhaps give Janvier a lift if we can with a few individuals to get up the Princeton Hall at Allahabad, and then turn in freely and all together on the other? It will be a good thing to have Princeton's name stamped on India as well as on China.

Janvier has written to me about the matter, and I am sending him a copy of this letter.

With reference to Dr. Dennis's list, I am afraid I do not know the men well enough to make the selection of the right individual in each class. Of course Mr. DeWitt C. Blair of '56 could do the whole thing if he wanted to, but I do not think he will want to. Ledyard Blair is his son, and he has the reputation of being very close.

In general, I would say that it would be better to get a man who is not a minister in each class to take hold. Of course some man who is a minister who would take hold of it would use; but if we could get hold of a good layman he would be more likely to tap the unreached resources which are our chief hope. I think that Dr. Mudge would be a good man to take Dr. Dennis's list and tell you the best men for our purpose.

Of course one difficulty when we get back in these earlier years is, that men are either tied up in business, or else have retired from business, and do not want to take on small affairs. I suppose that would be true of Mr. Trask and Mr. Blair.

Call on me for anything I can do at any time.

Very cordially yours,

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February 17th, 1906.

Mr. H. C. Coleman,

Norristown, Penn.

My dear Horace:--

I shall be passing through Norristown this evening on my way to Pottstown and shall think about you.

We thought about you last evening when Mrs. and Miss Sherman and Miss Clara Reed were spending the night with us, and we had some of your fine grape fruit for desert. I wish you might have been with us. They are all going abroad soon and the Shermans will not be at Camp this summer.

I received the other day the enclosed from one of the agents of your Company here. Is there anything in this proposition? How is it possible for Mr. Wells to sell twice as much as other people sell for the same money?

I sent you the other day from Mrs. Speer a little box with a small Peking Cloisonne vase. I hope it reached you safely.

Our house is making good headway, and I still have not abandoned the hope of getting in the end of next month, although it may run over, as you warned Mrs. Speer, into the following month. You must be sure to come and stay with us as soon as we get in, and be sure to keep any night for us that you may have on any visit to New York before them.

Very affectionately yours,

(enclosure)

February 17, 1906.

The Rev. La Salle A. Maynard,

Monrovia, California.

My dear Mr. Mainard:--

I have just seen my article on "Some Vicious Missionary Criticism" in the Baptist Standard. I am a little curious to know who quoted the references to "Tainted Money" and the nauseous advertisements in the "Path Finder". The excision in this part of the article leaves the other reference to the Path Finder rather inconsequential; but that interests me less than the other question. Did the Standard do it because some of its own income is derived from questionable patent medicine advertisements?

A year or two ago I wrote an article for the Christian Endeavor World in which I expressed my mind about the printing of such advertisements, and that paper cut out that part of the article.

I am glad that there are a few religious papers that are really Christian in this matter. I have no fanatical opposition to patent medicines because they are patented, but it does seem to me that the class of patent medicine advertisements that some of the religious newspapers take, fall under the condemnation both of Christian morals and of common decency and of good taste.

Very cordially yours,

February 19th, 1906.

Mr. James C. Sawyer,

Andover, Mass.

My dear Mr. Sawyer:--

I am very much obliged for your kind note of February 14th, with its enclosed check, and I return the receipt herewith.

Very truly yours,

February 19th, 1906.

Mr. F. Gutekunst,

712 Arch St. Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:--

Your kind note of Feb. 12, with the enclosed photographs of Dr. Paton and Dr. Weston, which I return herewith, has been received. I appreciate the kindness of your offer, but I have never felt able to accept such proposals. If I am ever able to come to you for photographs, I should prefer to come on the ordinary basis, on which any customer would come.

Very sincerely yours,

February 20th, 1906.

[illegible] Volunteer Movement,

[illegible] 28th Street,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please send to Mrs. Harriet G. Gulick, R. F. D. 1, Box 111, Oberlin, Ohio, a copy of the statement which you published not long ago, containing the calls of the various Missionary Societies for new missionaries this year?

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

February 20th, 1906.

Mrs. Harriet G. Gulick,

Oberlin, Ohio.

My Dear Mrs. Gulick:-

I am very glad that you are willing to render the service about which I wrote, at Nashville. According to the statistics given in the last edition of Dr. Green's "New Life in Japan," there are 269 married women and 286 unmarried women missionaries in Japan. I cannot say how many more are called for by the various societies, but I am asking the Student Volunteer Movement to send a little statement which they published, containing the requisitions of the various Missionary Societies for new missionaries. Of course these are not complete, and many of them doubtless have been filled since the statement was published.

Very cordially yours,

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February 20th, 1906.

Miss Alice Carolin Bewer,

Hunter Home, 13th and Wolf Sts.,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Miss Bewer:--

I am sorry to have been so long in answering your letter of February 7th, but it was only yesterday, as I came back on the train from a Sunday appointment, that I had time to read the letters which you sent and which I return herewith. Dr. Frame had already written to me on the subject, and I confess to have been dumbfounded when I read his letter. My own theory is that Christian men and women may have and should secure Divine guidance in these things just as in all other questions of their lives, and when once they have acted in obedience to that guidance they are to stand fast with a will of unswerving loyalty and unalterable faithfulness. But now that the painful issue has come, of which you have both written, I have no sufficient wisdom to pass judgment, and even if I had it would not be my place.

I can advise you as a friend, however, and one who has a genuine and deeply sympathetic interest in you, just to let the past go now, and to go steadily forward following, as I am sure you have always tried to follow, the will of God.

I do not see any reason in what has taken place for the Board's unwillingness to consider your application for missionary appointment on your own account. I will find out just how everything stands now and shall be glad to make any explanations that are necessary, either to the Woman's Board in Phil-

adelphia or to the Board here.

Please be careful not to let this experience bring any bitterness to you. Be sure to think of it and Mr. Frame with sincere and Christ-like generosity.

I did not write to him at all fully on the matter, and I shall not, of course, ask any questions, believing with you that whether he has made one mistake or two mistakes, he has meant in each case to do what he thought was right.

I shall be writing to him soon, and perhaps I shall tell him of our correspondence, and I may send him a copy of this letter.

I want to be both his friend and yours, and to be of any help to each of you in whatever way I can in helping you to see and do the thing that is right. Please let me know of any way in which you think I can be of service to you.

Very cordially yours,

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February 17th, 1906.

Mr. M. C. Hazard,

The Pilgrim Teacher, Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hazard:--

In sending you some little notes a few days ago, I have recalled that it was not in the Pilgrim Teacher but in the Well Spring you used the previous notes I sent. I venture to enclose, accordingly, a few more for the Well Spring. Will you kindly send me back any which you do not care to use, and would it be troubling you too much to ask for a copy of each of the papers in which you do use any of these notes?

Very cordially yours,

Robert C. Queen

February 21st, 1906.

The Rev. William M. Henderson, D. D.,

154 Fifth Ave., N., Nashville, Tennessee.

My dear Dr. Henderson:--

I have delayed answering your very kind letter of February 8th until I could find out whether, as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Student Volunteer Movement, it might be necessary for me to be with the other members of the Committee where there could be prompt consultation. I have not heard of any necessity for this, however, and so write to accept your very kind invitation to stay with you while in Nashville. I expect to reach Nashville on Tuesday evening. I think the train is due about half past eight, and I shall have to leave the following Monday in the morning.

Thanking you heartily for your kindness, and looking forward with pleasure to being with you, I am

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

February 20th, 1906.

Professor J. Preston Searle, D. D.,

New Brunswick, New Jersey.

My Dear Professor Searle:-

Your delightful letter is just received. Please do not give yourself a moment's thought, so far as I am concerned, in connection with the Graves Lectureship. It will be nice to anticipate the future payments, but I have no anxiety about them at all, and should be entirely satisfied to regard the pleasure of giving the lectures at New Brunswick and the personal relationships into which they brought me with you and the other friends, as adequate reward.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

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February 21st, 1906.

Mr. Frank White,

230 East 65th Place,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. White:--

I have just heard of your serious illness and write at once to tell you of my deep and earnest sympathy and my hope and prayer that you may soon recover your health and strength. There is a great deal to do in this world and in our Church, and it must be that you have only begun your work and that God is letting you have such an experience as this in order to fit you better for the greater service that is before you. I only want you to know that we are thinking about you and remembering you in prayer, and that we shall await with much eagerness word of your returning strength.

With kind regards,

Your sincere friend,

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[illegible], 1906.

Mrs. Victor Speer,

47 Norwood Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Anna:--

Thank you very much for your kind letter inviting me to come to speak at the meeting of your Presbyterial Society. I would be glad to come if it were at all possible, but I have engagements for the preceding day and that day, which would make it impossible for me to get out to Buffalo.

I should rejoice to come, if I could do so, Presbyterial meeting or no Presbyterial meeting, just to see you and Vic.

I am thankful tomorrow is a legal holiday, and am looking forward with much joy to having it at home with the family.

With a great deal of love to you and Vic from us all,

Affectionately your brother,

February 21st, 1906.

Mr. Lucius Hopkins Miller,

Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Luke:--

Your note of the 19th was received yesterday. I had already returned Dr. Dennis' list. I return herewith Turner's letter. I like Turner very much. He would have been appointed one of our missionaries at the time he went to Hawaii if it had not been for his wife's health. It was not felt that the certificate was satisfactory. She seems to have stood Hawaii all right, however, and it may be that she will stand Peking. Turner himself is a thoroughly good fellow, but I do not know how much creating energy he has or constructive influence. I think if we want to go on with him it would be well to write one or two friends in the Sandwich Islands to look him up, and report as to the kind of work he has done there and the sort of man he has developed into. One of my best old time friends is now Governor out there, and I could get a good outside estimate from him. We have Turner's testimonials in our files here, gathered when we were considering his application for appointment, and I shall be glad to send them down to you for you and Gailey to go over, if you would like them.

Very cordially yours,

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Miss Hester Alway,

131 Waverley Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Miss Alway:--

Please forgive me for my negligence in not answering earlier your letter of January 26th, but I can only say that I am behind in everything and have no hope of ever catching up. I shall be glad to go to the Easter missionary reception on the afternoon of April 19th. What will you expect of me at the reception, only an address? And if so, how long would you like me to speak, and have you any particular subject?

Very cordially yours,

February 21st, 1906.

Mr. W. R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:--

Thank you very much for your note giving the sad news of Mr. Moore's death; and yet it is not sad news. I rejoice that he is safely home where he has longed to be.

Very affectionately yours,

P. S.--If L. C. Page & Co. will give the Record of Christian Work Mr. Denby's book on "China and Her People", I shall be glad to review it.

241 Broadway - Underwood Typewriter Co.

February 21st, 1906.

Mr. Charles W. Hand,
157 Clinton Ave.
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Charles:--

This is just a little private note to you with reference to the McKenzie College. I hope that you may retain your membership in the Board of Trustees of the College, and that now that you will be free to exert some influence there in an unofficial capacity so far as the Board is concerned, you will take up the question of having your Board of Trustees fulfill toward the College the functions which the Boards of Robert College and the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut and the Canton College fulfill toward those institutions. As I have often said to you, I do not believe that there is adequate justification of the administration of the College by a Board of Trustees independent of our Board, unless that Board actually takes over the financial burden of the College. As a matter of fact, the McKenzie Board raises practically no money for the College, but draws at the present time $5000 gold from the Treasurer of our Board. But if our Board has, as a matter of fact, to carry the financial burdens, it ought to carry the administrative responsibility. If the McKenzie College does this, then it should bear the financial burden. That is what the Trustees of these other Mission Colleges are doing and their burden is a far heavier one than yours.

Last year, you remember, in accordance with the un-

understanding that the grant for the College was to undergo an annual diminution, we provided for $4500; but at the request of your Board, our Board restored this amount to $5000; but not only did that, but paid up $1000 beside. I feel terrible at the thought of taking $5000 gold out of our Mission appropriations for next year on account of the College, when I see what these other Boards are doing and ought to be doing for their institutions; and if any reduction of the appropriations for our Missions next year must be made, so that they will get less than they got at the beginning of this current year, I shall certainly advocate a proportionate reduction of the grant to McKenzie College. But what I should like yet more to see would be the assumption by your Board of its proper responsibility, relieving our Board of any financial burden and and developing a little constituency of your own here to support the College. That is what Dr. Lane would like to have done. He advocates it on page 9 of his report for 1905.

I know that you share my views in this matter, and this is not a letter to be shown to any of your fellow Trustees, but just to jog up your own memory and to make sure of your taking up the matter in the Board.

I spoke of the matter at the meeting of the Board last Monday, and Dr. Alexander intimated that the question would come up in the meeting of your Board. When it does, won't you please see that the matter is not dropped, but that either your Board, as it is now constituted, shoulders the responsibility, or that your Board should

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be reconstituted so that it can carry it, or that the administrative functions of your Board should be located entirely within the Board of Foreign Missions, if the latter is to be the sole financial stay of the Institution.

Very affectionately yours,

February 21st, 1906.

Mr. Andrew Stevenson,
9500 National Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mr. Stevenson:--

Thank you very much for your note with reference to Frank White. I am writing at once to him this morning.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

February 20th, 1906.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Charlie:-

Several days ago I received a letter from the Rev. W. R. Harshaw of West Pittston, Penna., making inquiries about Madam Barakat. To this I replied as follows:

Your note making inquiries regarding Madam Barakat is just received. I have no doubt that this is Mrs. Layah Barakat, who has been in this country for some years. I think Mrs. Barakat is a sincere and earnest Christian woman. As I understand, she is not raising money for any mission in Syria, but for her own support and the support of her children. It has been some years, however, since I have come in contact with her, and I cannot say definitely. If she is soliciting money for mission work in Syria, I should have no hesitation in saying that the churches ought not to respond to her appeals; but I do not think this can be the case, but think she is simply lecturing in a legitimate way for the purpose of earning money for her support and that of her children. I see no objection to her course. This is a very different proposition, however, from the proposition of soliciting the funds under the missionary plea. I should be glad if you could let me know just what form Mrs. Barakat's work is taking. I know that some years ago, Dr. Marshalè, who was then Field Secretary of the Board, made some charges against Mrs. Barakas, and they were strongly resented and answered by Dr. Trumbull of the Sunday School Times, and Dr. Dana of the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. At that time it was stated and I think substantiated, that Mrs. Barakat was not raising money under any pretence of applying it to missionary work, but was working hard and on legitimate basis to support herself and her children by missionary lectures, paid for on a lecture basis.

Her husband, however, I think was in some trouble for conduct of a questionsable sort in the matter of finances.

I have now the following letter from Mr. Harshaw, which I enclose herewith.

Can you tell me anything about the matter? On what ground did Madam Barakat secure a divorce? My impression is the same as Mr. Harshaw's, that people have gained the idea, perhaps without any responsibility of Madam Barakat's, that what they gave to her was in the nature of a missionary offering. I think she is still a member of your church, and I should be very grateful for your judgment of her, and any information about her.

Will you please return Mr. Harshaw's letters?

Very affectionately yours,

February 21st, 1906.

Mrs. S. J. Barrows,

135 East Fifteenth Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Barrows:-

I am sorry to have been slow in sending you memorandum of the date of George Bowen's death. My negligence has been no indication of a want of appreciation of the invaluable information which you have with reference to him. I have been away a great deal and have been submerged here when not away. The date of his death was February fifth, 1888.

Since seeing you and Mr. Barrows, I have had a delightful talk with Mr. Mornay Williams' Mother, and have got some very interesting facts from her.

I hope very much that you can find a copy of the Christian Register containing your article, and I should be most grateful for any other recollections of your own.

Very cordially yours,

February 23rd, 1906.

Mr. Henry R. Elliott,

Room 1504, 31 Union Square,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Elliott:-

I am very much obliged for your kind note inviting Mrs. Speer and me to the meeting of the Presbyterian Union on March fifth, but I expect to go down to the Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville next week, and shall not get back until Tuesday, March sixth.

Thanking you heartily for your kindness, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Charles G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Charlie:-

I enclose herewith what I have written on the subject of the Symposium. I have had a number of friends read it, including two lawyers, and they took no exception to the reasoning in it. At the same time, some of my positions may be mistaken, and if so I should like to have them corrected. I wish I had Dr. Thompson's judgment, and of course yours and Phil's. I send the paper to you just as it is, however, and you are at liberty to use it if you wish. If anybody can point out errors I am entirely ready to change my views.

I received your letter with reference to the phrase "For Christ's sake." As a matter of fact, I find that I have often used it, and I hear it very often when I am sure people mean to use it as identical with "In Christ's name." I see the force of your contention, however, and have often and often spoken of the phrase "in Jesus' name" as the great phrase which you believe it to be, and about which your father always spoke so earnestly. I should think you could throw some strong light on its use and significance by relating it to the phrase constantly used of course throughout the New Testament, and holding in itself the secret of the right theology,"in Christ."

If any useful word comes to me to write to you with reference to it, I shall be glad to send it.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer.

February 23rd, 1906.

The Rev. William M. Anderson, D. D.,

154 Fifth Avenue North,

Nashville, Tenn.

My Dear Dr. Anderson:-

Since writing to you, I have received a letter from the Executive Committee of the Student Volunteer Movement, to whom I had written about your kind invitation, saying that, while they know I would be more comfortable at your house than at the Hotel, they wish me to stay at the Hotel, as a member of the Advisory Committee, and because I have charge of some of the meetings which will require frequent conference at the Hotel. I shall hope to come to call on your and Mrs. Anderson, however; and in accordance with your letter, shall look forward with pleasure to speaking for you on Sunday afternoon.

Very cordially yours,

February 23rd, 1904.

Mr. F. P. Turner,

Maxwell House,

Nashville, Tenn.

My Dear Turner:-

I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Balfield of Chicago. I have explained to him the conditions, and told him that I would send his letter to you.

Your two letters, one enclosing suggestions for leaders of Section Meetings, and referring to Dr. Anderson's invitation to me, and the other, asking for an abstract of my address, have been received. I am sending the latter to Mr. Fabs.

I have not invited any speakers to either of my Section Meetings under any promise of expenses. I have simply used the list of missionaries furnished by you.

I had written to Dr. Anderson that I would accept his invitation, but shall write now telling him that I have heard from you, and that I will be at the Maxwell House.

Very cordially yours,

February 24th, 1908.

Mr. William L. Clark,

Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

My dear Mr. Clark:--

Your kind note of the 22nd is just received. There must be some mistake about the date as I cannot possibly come for June 17th, but have been hoping to be able to come for May 27th. Will you kindly see Dr. Hopkins and ascertain whether there is any mistake. If I come for May 27th I shall be happy to speak in the evening for the Young Men's [illegible] Association.

Very sincerely yours,

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February 24th, 1908.

Mr. Will H. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My Dear Will:-

Your kind note with enclosure to the Young Women's Conference, was received yesterday. I wish I could accept your invitation, but it will be out of the question. I shall have been away three weeks, attending the various Summer Student Conferences, and shall have to be here for the rest of July, in order to catch up with my work. I would gladly come if I could.

Very affectionately yours,

February 20th, 1906.

The Rev. S. M. Zwemer, D. D.,

Nashville, Tennessee.

My Dear Sam:-

Last Sunday, at the Hill School, I found the enclosed notes in the Hymnal on the pulpit. I recognized the handwriting immediately, and did not need to apply any brief of higher criticism to the literary structure of the documents. I thought perhaps you would want them, so I brought them away with me, and send them herewith.

Very affectionately yours,

February 20th, 1906.

The Rev. Arthur H. Limong,

Leonia, New Jersey.

My Dear Mr. Limong:-

I appreciate very much your kind letter, inviting me to come down to speak at some of your Sunday afternoon meetings in March. I am sorry to have to say, however, that I shall not have in Englewood a single Sunday afternoon in March, and the only afternoon in April that I shall be in Englewood, I have promised to speak at the Men's Meeting in the Lyceum there.

I trust you have have good success with your meetings, and that they may result in drawing some men into the service of Christ.

We have some good laymen in Englewood whom you might invite down; - men like Mr. F. Murray Olyphant, or Mr. William Morris Imbrie, who are leaders in our church, or Mr. William Dulles, Jr., who is one of our most useful men in the community. These are all members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. William G. Selph, of the Methodist Church would be a very good man for you to get. He has just come to Englewood from Brooklyn, where he was a very successful Bible teacher of young men.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. M[illegible]

February 24th, 1906.

Mr. G. G. Brayley,

Y. M. C. A., Marcy Ave. & So. 9 St.,

Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mr. Brayley:--

I appreciate very much your kind letter, but I shall probably be on the Pacific Coast next October, and cannot hope to have the pleasure of speaking for you then.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

February 20th, 1906.

Mr. John R. Voris,

215 West 23rd Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Voris:-

Your kind note of the 16th has been received. I am sorry it will not be possible for me to come for the 29th. I have engagements for the 28th, 29th and 30th, that will occupy those three days, including the evenings.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

February 24th, 1906.

Mr. [illegible] Cooper,

[illegible] 29th [illegible], City.

My dear [illegible]

I am very much obliged for your good letter of February 21st, reporting the work on the Pacific Coast. I have no suggestions to make and am glad to be kept informed.

Very cordially yours,

Robert [illegible]

February 20th, 1906.

The Rev. F. J. Sauber, D. D.,

106 Waverley Avenue,

Syracuse, New York.

My Dear Dr. Sauber:-

I have delayed answering your good letter of February seventh until I could have gone to Bellefonte. I was there about a fortnight ago, at the dedication of a building erected in memory of Hugh Beaver. I made inquiries regarding the church situation, and talked with a number of people. We found that they had already heard four or five different preachers, and that all those with whom I talked, with one exception, seemed to have settled on Mr. Hutchinson of Danville. The one exception was in favor of a minister whose name I have forgotten. I spoke of you and of my acquaintance and freindship with you, but the situation was as I have stated.

I thoroughly dislike the method that they are pursuing there; yet it is the method that those old Central Presbyterian churches have pursued for years, and I suppose they cannot bring themselves to any change.

I hope that some work of just the sort that would most appeal to you may open before you, and that you may have some of the best years of work of all your life ahead.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer.

February 20th, 1906.

Dr. Henry B. Wright,

126 York Street,

New Haven, Conn.

My Dear Mr. Wright:-

I am very much obliged for your letter of February fifth, received a fortnight ago, and enclosing Mr. Brereton's most kind and encouraging letter to you. I am very grateful if the words of that morning proved helpful to any of the men, and I rejoice to hear of the four students who joined the Church of profession of faith.

I had not thought of putting into writing for publication the sermon of that morning. Some time perhaps I may do it, but I have no time to do it now. And my experience is that I preach these sermons a few times as long as they have vital hold on me, and then I let them go, and it is difficult to part them in writing with the life in them that was in them when they represented a fresh vision of truth or duty.

I hope that if you are ever down here in the city you will drop in for a few minutes at least.

Please thank Mr. Brereton for his very kind note if you see him.

With warm regard.

Very sincerely yours,

February 20th, 1906.

Miss Sara H. Miller,

541 Lexington Avenue,

New York City.

My Dear Miss Miller:-

Your good note of the 18th was received yesterday. I have not seen Mrs. Baldwin yet, and no reply as yet has come from Mr. Lee or the missionaries in Pyeng Yang. I shall be glad to let you know when any word comes from them. Meanwhile, is there not the possibility of your making the mistake of letting the great part of your heart's interest rest on the thing that just at present you do not seem to be able to do, rather than on the things that you now are able to do? I was glad to hear that you had taken up this active work in the Babcock Memorial and Hope Chapel. It seems to me that even though we want very much to do something else, and feel that we ought to bend our efforts to attaining the opportunity to do something else, still it is wrong for us ever to let the eagerness for something future or prospective absorb the strength that is ours to do here and now. The best way to find an entrance to the desired thing in the future, is just to put that desired thing in the background in the mind and devote oneself to present duty.

You ask me the frank question as to whether you were considered unfitted to return, desiring to know whether it is mental, spiritual or physical unfitness. I would be glad to answer this question in a perfectly frank and catagorical way if I could; but I doubt whether Mrs. Moffatt and the others who advised you not to go back, would be able to pick out any one thing and say, this is Miss Miller's defect which makes it unwise for her to go to the field. I suspect their feeling is that temperamentally, in the general adaptation of your life, your fitness has not been for the foreign missionary work on the mission field. Perhaps Mr. Lee's letter when it comes will be more definite, but I doubt whether it will.

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Please put away from your mind such thoughts as are implied in the last page of your letter. Because some one would like to be musical, and is not, is no reason why that person should lost faith in God or think Him unjust. Because an American prefers English tastes and habits, and yet cannot throw off his own racial character or leave his work in America, is no reason why he should distrust God. Just throw your whole soul into the neediest work that is near at hand, and see if light does not come upon the future.

Dr. Sailer was asking this morning about you and the possibility of your help in the Mission Study work; but I told him you did not feel drawn to it, and had taken up this other work.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

February 24th, 1906.

Miss Dora Magdalene Barnes,
Johns Hopkins Hospital,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Miss Barnes:--

Your kind noteof the 22nd is received. I am expecting to be in Baltimore for Sunday, April 8th, but I am a little in doubt as to how soon I shall be able to go down, as I have to speak in Germantown Sat. afternoon, and I am sure I shall not be able to get down in time for a Saturday evening meeting. I do not expect to be in Baltimore on March 11th.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer,

February 20th, 1906.

Mr. S. Edgar Briggs,
158 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Briggs:-

I would acknowledge formally, the receipt of your kind note of February ninth, with its enclosed check for five hundred dollars, payment on account of Royalty which has accrued to my credit.

I should think the change in your fiscal year would be a very wise and convenient one, and with best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

February 20th, 1906.

The Rev. T. J. Preston,
700 Park Avenue,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Preston:-

Mr. Patterson has written of your presence here, taking a special course in Union Seminary, and I write to express the hope that you will some time while you are here drop in to see me. It looks very much as though our interests were to be identical interests before long, and we ought to be well acquainted with one another.

Very sincerely yours,

February 20th, 1906.

Mrs. C. P. Coleman,

Englewood, N. J.

My Dear Mrs. Coleman:-

It was very kind of you to write me the little note about the meeting of your Auxiliary. It was only a pleasure to speak to the Auxiliary, and I shall be glad to be of any help to you at any time that I can.

Trusting that the Society may grow stronger and stronger, and accomplish a very useful work, I am,

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer.

February 20th, 1906.

Miss Mary T. Hale,
1732 Clifton Place,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Miss Hale:-

The package of splendid material has come to hand safely, and I am very grateful for it, and for your most painstaking kindness.

Please do not trouble about Dr. Cochran's account of his visit to the Sheik in 1880. Mr. Clement sent me some newspaper clippings in which that letter of Dr. Cochran's was contained.

I hope very much that Clement will complete before summer his recollections of his father. I wrote to him recently referring again to the matter, and shall do so again later.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

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Miss L. B. Masters,

Dobbs Ferry,

New York.

My Dear Miss Masters:-

I should have replied before this to your good note with reference to your nephew. I was over at the school last Sunday, but with four meetings, and a good deal of work beside between meetings, was able to have but two or three talks with boys. I shall try, however, to see James the next time I go over, which will be in three weeks.

Thanking you very much for writing about him, and with warm regards from Mrs. Speer and myself, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer.

February 26th, 1906.

The Rev. Henry Russell Talbot, D. D.,

The Deanery,

Albany, New York.

My Dear Dr. Talbot:-

Your very kind note of the 24th has been received. I wish I could accept your invitation, but I have to be in Geneva, Wisconsin, on June 24th; at Northfield, Massachusetts, on the following Sunday, and at the Young Women's Conference at Silver Bay on Lake George, between. The rest of the week will be consumed in traveling. I should have been glad if there were one evening that I could have used for your proposed Conference, but not even this will be possible.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

February 23rd, 1906.

The Rev. John Fox, D. D.,

Bible House, New York City.

My Dear Dr. Fox:-

I promised to put in writing for you before or about the time of Dr. Havens' expected return from Mexico, the matter of which I spoke to you with reference to Mr. Loomis of Japan. Mr. Loomis's daughter, Jean, is engaged to be married to Professor Frame of Union Theological Seminary. Their plan had been to be married in Japan, but Mr. H. C. Coleman of Norristown, Penna., a friend of the Loomises, has offered to send Mr. and Mrs. Loomis round trip tickets from Yokohama to New York, and to have them as his guests while they are in this country, if the Bible Society were able and willing to give Mr. Loomis the three or four months' leave of absence. Mr. Coleman feels that if Mr. Loomis could be spared, it would be advantage to the Bible Society to let him take this rest and refreshment at home. When Mr. Loomis was home on furlough last , as you know probably, he was not in good shape to return to Japan on the expiration of his furlough, but through the kindness of the Bible Society, was granted an extra month's leave of absence, which he spent at Mr. Coleman's Camp in New Hampshire. I was there at the time, and the change in Mr. Loomis was remarkable, and he was able to go back to Japan in such health and strength as he could not possible have done if it had not been for such a rest in this healthful place. Mr. Coleman would wish to have Mr. and Mrs. Loomis spend a few weeks there this summer. He and Mrs. Speer wished me to lay the matter before you, in the hope that the Bible Society might be able to spare Mr. Loomis for this brief time, which would not be so much more than his summer vacation, and the more or less inevitable interruption of the work during the heated season.

I understand of course what may be the difficulties in the way from the organization point of view, and do not urge anything as Mr. Loomis's friend and a friend especially of his daughter, Jean, who has been a good deal under Mrs.

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Speer's care and mine during her education here; but I am glad to explain the matter, feeling sure that you will be glad to do whatever is possible and proper.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

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Miss Marjorie T. Sinclair,

16 East 66th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Miss Sinclair:-

The following were the Rules of Archbishop Benson's which I quoted:

"Not to call attention to crowded work or petty fatigues or trivial experiences.

"To heal wounds which in times past my cruel and careless hands have made.

"To seek nor favor, no compassionl to deserve, not ask for tenderness.

"Not to feel any uneasiness when my advice or opinion is not asked, or is set aside"

I am just going off to Nashville now. I wish you were to be there at the Convention.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

February 20th, 1906.

Mr. W. C. Lytle,

Huntingdon, Penna.

Dear Sir:-

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to attend the Annual Banquet of the High School Alumni, on Friday evening, but I have pleasure in sending herewht seventy-five cents to cover my annual dues.

I presume you noticed in the papers the report of the death of Robert Neilson Stephens, who was graduated from the High School in 1883, and was Valedictorian of his Class. He was one of the brightest and ablest boys who ever went out from the High School, and he is the first of the boys at least of that class to pass away. He was a great writer of stories even as a boy, and we used to edit a paper in the High School, which we wrote with our own hand, and circulated I am sorry to say during school hours, in which many wonderful stories of hair-breadth escapes written by him appeared. I trust that mention will be made of his name at the Dinner.

The Association ought to recall, too, Miss Winnie Cunningham, who was I think a graduate of the school, at any rate, she was a student there, and who has become engaged to be married to the Rev. Harrison K. Wright of Ningpo. I was writing her recently reminding her of the old days, and especially of the picnics in Sleepy Hollow. Those were the days before irreverent hands had been laid on the fine old trees of those hills and hollows. It made me almost sick as I went through Huntingdon on the train the other day, to see what havoc had been wrought. I do believe that the world gets better, but there are lots of things in it that get worse, and I must say that a good many changes around Huntingdon do not seem to me to be improvements.

I have no doubt that the High School improves steadily, however, and that every year it turns out a more beautiful and capable class than the preceding year. Will you give my kind regards to all the members of the Association present at the

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Mr. Fred H. Andrews,

Plainfield, New Jersey.

My Dear Fred:-

Thank you very much for letting me see Fenton's letter. I am very glad to write him a letter, and shall ask one of our missionaries in Manila to look him up when he returns to the field.

I had a talk with the Chaplain a little while ago, and promised to go up in September, unless something prevents.

Mrs. Speer told me of her delightful little visit at your house, and how much she enjoyed seeing you and Mrs. Andrews.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer

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Banquet? And with best wishes for the old school and all its graduates, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

March first, 1906.

Miss Elizabeth A. Reisner,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Miss Reisner:-

Your note of February 26th, to Mr. Speer, is received in his absence from the city, attending the Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement at Nashville. But I take pleasure in quoting herewith the lines to which you refer, which are hanging upon the wall of my room:

"ARCHBISHOP BENSON'S PRINCIPLES.

"Not to call attention to crowded work or petty fatigues or trivial experiences.
"To heal wounds which in times past my cruel and careless hands have made.
"To seek no favor, no compassion; to deserve, not ask for tenderness.
"Not to feel any uneasiness when my advice or opinion is not asked, or is set aside."

I will see that Mr. Speer has your note upon his return.

Very truly yours,

Irwin Edith C. Dickie.

March first, 1906.

Mr. D. L. Moody,
East Northfield,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Moody:-

Your notes of February 26th, to Mr. Speer, have been received in his absence at the Student Volunteer Convention in Nashville. Immediately upon his return, March seventh, they will be handed to him for reply.

Very truly yours,

Edith C. Dickie.

February 23rd, 1906.

Lieutenant Chauncey L. Fenton,

Care Eighth Battery F. A.,

Manila, Philippine Islands.

My Dear Lieutenant Fenton:-

Mr. Andrews sent me the other day, your letter to him from Ft. Lawton, written just a little while before your expected departure for the Philippines. You are probably well on your way now, if your plans were not changed, and will have got settled in the Philippines before this letter reaches you. I was so glad to see your letter to Mr. Andrews, and to know that you were going out to the Philippines. I hope you will get to know some of our missionaries there, and I am writing to Dr. Rossiter, the pastor of our American Church in Manila, asking him or his associate, Mr. Hillis, tobe sure to look you up. I have a friend here now, who is the first Presbyterian missionary to go to the Islands, Dr. Rodgers, and he is a thoroughly fine man. I shall try to remember to speak to him about your being in Manila, in the hope that he can hunt you up when he gets back from his furlough here.

I can understand the difficulties in the way of Christian life and work in the Army, of which you speak in your letter to Mr. Andrews. And I can imagine how hard it must be at times to overcome these difficulties, and to do the thing that you would like. But, after all, I don't believe that there is anything worth doing or being that does not encounter difficulties, and it is the life in the midst of difficulties, as Gladstone used to say in a quotation from one of his favorite Greek authors, that develops character and makes manhood. I have often spoken about a verse in one of Paul's Epistles, which shows how he looked at the matter. Perhaps you have thought of it some times yourself. It is in connection with his plans of movement. He says he is expecting to stay at Ephesus until "Pentecost, because" a great door and effectual has been opened to him, and there are many adversaries." The word "and" is the word that has always pleased me,

Lieutenant Fenton, R.

We should probably have said "but." But adversaries were exactly what Paul was looking for, and when he found them, they were an open and effectual door to him. Is it not true that in a war the thing to do is to conquer the enemy? And he is the best general who actually meets and conquers the enemy, and not he who drills his troops where there are no enemies to conquer, and who gets a very handsome and well-drilled army, whose influence and usefulness is all taken out in looks. And is not the same thing true in Christian life and character? Dr. Babcock used to say, when he was a young man facing temptations that were not of his own choice or seeking, but evidently of the assigning of God, he felt like congratulating himself because such temptations were God's compliments. It was just as though God said to a man, "I see that you can handle what other men cannot, and that these difficulties which would conquer other men, would not conquer you; accordingly, I am going to trust you with that with which I could not trust other men."

You certainly are going to have an opportunity in the Philippines to help men in the army to remember their Christian principles, and to live the Christian life. And there will be many ways in which your influence can cooperate with that of the men who are working with all their time and strength to establish the Kingdom of the Saviour in the Philippines.

I suppose you have your hands very full, and do not want to be burdened with any extra correspondence; but if you will just ask Mr. Andrews to let me read your letters to him, that will be sufficient reply to this letter to you, which I am sending with pleasant memories of the days at West Point and Northfield, and with warmest regards.

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer

February 26th, 1906.

Miss S. R. MacCurdy,

14 West 96th Street,

New York City.

Dear Miss MacCurdy:-

Your inquiry of yesterday is just received. I expect to speak in the city on the evening of March 16th, at 225 Madison Avenue, and on the evening of March 30th, at 8 East 75th Street; on March 28th at the meeting of the Women's Presbyterial Society of Brooklyn, at some church of which I have not yet been informed. On April 12th at the Secretaries' Conference of the Y. W. C. A., the meeting place of which I do not yet know. On April 18th at the Presbyterian Church, 141st Street and St. Nicholas Avenue. On April 19th at the Union Missionary Training Institute, Brooklyn, 131 Waverley Avenue.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

March first, 1906.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of February 26th, to Mr. Speer, is received in his absence at Nashville. As you say that a duplicate letter has been sent on to Mr. Speer, I will hold this one for his return, next week.

Very truly yours,

E. C. Dickie.

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Mr. Lucius Hopkins Miller,

Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:-

Your note of February 24th, to Mr. Speer, is received in his absence at Nashville, attending the Student Volunteer Convention. He will not be back in the offices before Wednesday next. I have looked up the file containing Mr. E. P. Turner's testimonials, and find only the enclosed letter, which I am sending down to you. I will see that Mr. Speer has your letter immediately upon his return next week.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Edith C. Dicker.

March third.
Another envelope of testimonials found, which I send by this mail.
E.C.D.

March 7th, 1906.

The Rev. George Alexander, D. D.,

47 University Place, New York City.

My dear Dr. Alexander:--

Dr. Brown and I got back last evening from Nashville, and acknowledge at once your kind note of February 24th. I appreciate your generous suggestion as to the cablegram to Dr. Lane. The fault was altogether mine, however, and I think I must claim the privilege of atoning for it.

In cabling Dr. Lane we used the Board's code, and the Cable Company reported to us that Dr. Lane would not accept the message, saying that he did not understand it. Miss Bahr thought that of course he had a copy of the code, so she cabled a second time without using the code.

We are venturing to invite the Home Board and a few other friends in the building to meet with us on Friday at half past twelve for the little farewell meeting to you, at which, we were so glad to hear from Dr. Halsey, you consented to be present.

We had a remarkable Convention at Nashville. I wish you might have been there.

Very faithfully yours,

March 7th, 1906.

Mrs. E. W. Preston,

Summit Avenue, Hackensack, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Preston:--

Your very kind letter about "Young Men Who Overcame" was waiting for me yesterday when I reached home after a week's absence. I am very grateful, indeed, to hear of the various errands on which the little book has been sent, and I do hope and pray that it may help some of the young men to whom it has gone.

Very cordially yours,

March 7th, 1906.

Mr. Frederick Snare,

143 Liberty St., New York City.

My dear Fred:--

I am sorry you have to go back to Cuba so soon again, but am glad that you will look up Mr. Morgan. I am delighted to enclose a letter of introduction to him.

I hope you may have a good trip and get back soon in safety.

Your sincere friend,

(enclosure)

March 7th, 1906.

Mr. H. C. Gara,

23 South 17th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Gara:--

Your kind note of February 26th was awaiting me when I got back from the Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville this morning. I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation, but I have already promised to spend Sunday the 27th at Lawrenceville, Penn.

Very cordially yours,

March 7th, 1906.

Miss Ella Doheney,

17 East 15th St., City.

My dear Miss Doheney:--

Your very kind note of yesterday is just received. I wish I could accept your invitation for the meetings during Holy Week, but I already have engagements for the 9th, 11, 12, and 13, which would prevent my going any of those days. Tuesday is the only day I have free.

I hope that you can arrange to have someone take the whole series, but if you do not do this, and I can help you out at all on Tuesday, I should be very glad to do so.

Very cordially yours,

March 7th, 1906.

The Rev. I. B. Seabury,

Wellsley Hills, Mass.

My dear Mr. Seabury:--

I remember very well indeed our conversation in the Wellsley College Chapel last fall.

I have pleasure in sending herewith some of the leaflets of the Canton College, including the diagrams of which you speak.

Very cordially yours,

(enclosures)

March 7th, 1906.

Miss Maud E. Nolan,

The Finch School, 61 E. 77th St., City.

My dear Miss Nolan:--

I appreciate very much the cordiality of your invitation and I should be glad to come to speak to the girls some Sunday evening, but I have no evening on which I could come. April 8th I have to be in Pennsylvania, and I have engagements for all of my Sundays for months ahead, with the exception of two or three on which I think I shall have engagements which will take me away from the City. The twenty-fifth of March, which is the other date you mention, I have to be at the Hotchkiss School at Lakeville.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 7th, 1906.

Mrs. John Meigs,

Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mrs. John:—

Your good note was awaiting me this morning when I got into the office. March 11th was down in my engagement book for the Hill, but I am delighted that Dr. Smith can come for that day and I can have it at home. That will make my next Sunday at the Hill April 15th, Mr. Stone going on the 8th. My other Sundays that I have down are May 13th and June 10th. Will you let me know whether there is any mistake about these? I have been thinking about the June 10th date. I think that is Commencement Sunday, and inasmuch as I was at Commencement last year, might it not be better to have someone else this year?

We had a fine time at Nashville, and I was glad to see Bert and the boys several times.

With much love to Professor,

Your sincere friend,

March 7th, 1906.

The Rev. John M. Trout,

Dobbs Ferry, New York.

My dear Mr. Trout:--

I judge from a letter which Mrs. Speer has received from Miss Thompson that there is some expectation of my being in Dobbs Ferry in the morning of March 18th and speaking for you, although I do not know that you have shared this expectation at all, and it may be altogether unnecessary for me to say that it would not be possible for me to be in Dobbs Ferry that morning, as I have promised to speak that morning in the University Place Church here, as Dr. Alexander, who is pastor of the church and President of our Board is going abroad to attend the Missionary Conference in Egypt and it is desirable to make provision for the services while he is gone. I do expect to be in Dobbs Ferry in the afternoon and evening, at the Juvenile Asylum and at Miss Masters' School.

Very cordially yours,

March 7th, 1906.

Mr. R. Cogden Earle,

Religious Tract Society, St. Paul's Church Yard,

London, E. C., England.

Dear Sir:--

Your kind note of February 20th with its enclosed copy of "The Layman's Duty to Propagate his Religion", has been received. It is very kind of you to offer to send a hundred copies to me, and I shall be very glad if you would do so, addressing them to me here.

With the earnest prayer that the little leaflets may be of some service, I am

Very truly yours,

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March 8th, 1906.

Mrs. Will R. Moody,
East Northfield, Mass.

My Dear Mrs. Moody:-

Thank forwarded to me at Louisville, your kind letter with invitation to the Young Women's Conference. I would be delighted to come for the morning meetings throughout the Conference, as I wrote to Will; but it is simply impossible. If my conscience were not so seared, I am afraid I should be in absolute despair now at the knowledge of the arrearages of work. And when I look forward to what it will be in July, my admiration of the rest of Heaven is greatly enlarged. All I can say is that I would come in a minute if it were at all feasible.

With much love to you all.

Very affectionately yours.

March 8th, 1906.

Mr. Laird H. Simons,
The Clinton,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Simons:-

I think I shall be in my office every day next week, and should be happy if you would come and take lunch with me any day you may be over here. I hope Mr. Day can go out with us. I am so glad that you met him coming over.

Very sincerely yours.

March eighth, 1926.

Miss Mabel Cratty,

917 Hartford Building,

140 Dearborn Street, Chicago,

My Dear Miss Cratty:-

Your very kind letter of March 6th is received. I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to get down to Asheville any earlier than I have been accustomed to do. It is hard enough to get away in order to be there for Friday evening.

May I make one suggestion about your letters? I notice that your letter heads give both your Chicago and your New York office addresses, and a stranger reading them would not know sometimes whether a particular letter was sent from Chicago or New York, and to which city the reply should be addressed. [illegible], in addition to the date at the top of the letter, you have either New York City or Chicago also written on in typewriting, it would save a little doubt in some people's minds. More than once I have not been quite sure whether the letter came from your office here or from your office in Chicago.

Very cordially yours,

March 8th, 1904.

The Rev. Anson P. Atterbury, D. D.,
145 East 36th Street,
New York City.

My Dear Dr. Atterbury:-

It was a pleasure to receive this morning, your note of yesterday. These matters are too high for me. I cannot attain unto them. I shall most certainly keep my hands off; although the proposed arrangement does not in the least carry my judgment. As I told Mrs. Atterbury, however, I have doubts as to whether it will ever be consummated, and I think it would be only kindness to both, to stop the report, so far as we are able to do so, from extending further; because if nothing comes of the matter, its discussion will be only embarrassing to both of them. I cannot imagine how it got out or how the impression could have been received that it had any relation to old Mrs. Wilder's health.

Very cordially yours,

March 8th, 1906.

Miss Mary E. Thomas,

Helicon Hall,

Englewood, N. J.

My Dear Miss Thomas:-

I have very much pleasure in enclosing herewith, two copies of "Eating Our Morsel Alone." Bishop Alexander is now the Primate of Ireland.

Very cordially yours,

March eighth, 1906.

The Rev. William C. Haven, D. D.,

Bible House, New York City.

My Dear Dr. Haven:-

Your very kind note of yesterday is just received. I hope that if Mr. Coleman's proposition raises at all in your mind the question of Mr. Loomis's continued connection with the Bible Society, you will just drop the matter. I know that Mr. Coleman would be greatly grieved to have the question of Mr. Loomis's relations opened as the result of his proposition. If any such problem with reference to Japan is to come up, I trust it may not come up in connection with Mr. Coleman's offer. And I know that he would wish me to ask you just to let the matter drop if it is likely to raise a general question.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

March 8th, 1906.

Harvey Graham Furbay, Ph. D.,

541 Lexington Ave., New York City.

My dear Dr. Furbay:--

I am sorry I shall not be able to accept your kind invitation to speak to your Bible class on the evening of April 5th. I have already more engagements and work ahead for the next few months than I can possibly hope to do as it ought to be done.

I am glad to hear of the success of the class and trust that God may bless it and you more and more.

Very sincerely yours,

March 8th, 1906.

Mr. W. R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:--

As far as I can now see, I shall be able to come up for the closing Sunday at the Young Women's Conference, July 15th. I could not come up for Friday, and I should have to come down on an early train Monday morning.

Mr. McGaw and his publicity project for India are all right, and Miss Atherton who was appointed to write for the Record is a treasure. She is a graduate of Bryn Mawr and a daughter of Mr. Thomas H. Atherton, one of the leading lawyers and best men in Wilkesbarre, Penn. If she will write letters to the Record I think you can count upon them as being the sort of thing you would like to have. If they turn out not to be you can easily refrain from publishing them. I return Mr. McGaw's letter. He is one of our missionaries who has been making a strong fight against ill health, and hopes to be able to continue to live in India.

Very affectionately yours,

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Professor Robert Ellis Thompson, D. D.,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Dr. Thompson:-

I am very much obliged for your kind letter regarding the article for the Sunday School Times. I feel all right now that you have found no flaws in the argument. It worked out so smoothly and clearly to my mind, that I was almost afraid there must be a slip somewhere in the reasoning. With reference to the question of expediency, I entirely agree with you that it is heroic doctrine, and yet, the missionaries themselves say it is just what they instinctively do when they come to the test.

I have not read Maurice's "Kingdom of Christ." I have five of his books, but not this one, which I shall be glad to get and study, as I confess to a need of having the air cleared for myself about the Sermon on the Mount.

I am grateful to you for much help that you have been to me ever since you came to Northfield, and especially to Princeton for the Stone Lectures there. Those Lectures were among the most valuable influences of my life in Princeton.

Very sincerely yours,

March 9th, 1906

. S. N. Pearsall,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

y dear Mr. Pearsall:--

Plans for the pro-

osed Lunch Club are under way, I am

old, and I shall see that your letter

omes to the Committee. You are just the

ind wanted for the Club and I shall ask

he Committee to send you and Mr. Cook any

nformation that would interest you.

Very cordially yours,

March eighth, 1906.

Mr. H. C. Coleman,

Norristown, Penna.

My Dear Horace:-

I just got back to the office yesterday, from the Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville, and write at once in reply to your letter of February 24th.

First, let me say how sorry we were not to see you in Englewood on Tuesday night. I got home that evening, and we hoped all the evening that you would turn up. Jean Loomis was with us, and will be with us, probably, off and on, until she starts for Japan. On that subject, let me say that I both spoke and wrote to the Bible Society people regarding your generous proposal with reference to Mr. Loomis, and the result makes me just a little uneasy. I had some suspicions when Mr. Loomis was home before, that the Bible Society was not sure as to the permanence of his connection with it, and now, in reply to my letter, Dr. Haven writes as follows:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 23rd, which came into my hands on the first day of March, and I presented it to our Board, as it had arrived just too late to be considered by the Committee on Agencies. The Board preferred, however, to refer it to the Committee on Agencies with power. Dr. Fox has been away attending the meeting of the Student Volunteer Movement, but has returned today. I hope before the close of this week or early next week, to call a meeting of the Agencies Committee to decide this question. There are some complications about it, arising from the doubt that was in the Committee's mind as to the wisdom of sending Mr. Loomis back to his work before, owing to the condition of his health, and what they felt to be the needs of the Agency. I write thus frankly that you may know that it is not the simple matter of allowing this courtesy to Mr. Loomis in the important matter of his daughter's marriage, which I know our Board would be delighted to grant. It is somewhat involved with the whole question of the tentative period of Mr. Loomis's service, and I cannot therefore advise you as to what decision the Committee will reach. I will let you know immediately upon their taking action in the matter.

I am writing to him, telling him that we should most assuredly not wish anything done that would open any question of Mr. Loomis's return to Japan or his continued connection with the Bible Society, and that I was sure you would withdraw your proposition at once if you knew of such an element that would be involved in the

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question. I should ask Dr. Mason, in case any such element is involved, just to drop the whole matter.

With reference to Mr. Simonton, I would say that I have known him for years. He married a distant cousin of mine. He has been in many different lines of business. For a time he was engaged in the beer-bottling business in Huntingdon, and I think has taken hold of a great many things beside. I would say in perfect confidence and frankness between us, that I would not go into any venture with him. I have no reason whatever to think he is not entirely honest; but he has been in too many things, and has never had just that standing which would encourage me to put anything in with him. I hope this does not come to you too late.

I wish you might have come down to the Student Volunteer Convention in Nashville. Erdman and I went down on the same train and came back together. He looks forward to coming up to Camp next summer. When I reported this to Elliott, he was greatly pleased, and told me at once which member of the Erdman family he liked best.

We are getting along very well with the house, and still do not despair of getting in this month. As soon as you get back you must come over and sleep and eat in it. I hope you may have a fine trip, and with much love from us all, I am,

Very affectionately yours.

March 8th, 1906.

Mr. W. K. Sanderson,

Portland, Maine.

My dear Mr. Sanderson:--

I have been away the last nine or ten days and only returned yesterday. I write at once in reply to your kind letter. I wish I could accept your invitation, but the change of dates will not help me at all. I have engagements for May 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th. already.

Very cordially yours,

Mr. Clement H. Cochran,

C/o. Washburn, Crosby & Co.,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Clement:--

That you sent regarding your father was just the very kind of thing most desired and necessary. I hope that other incidents of the same sort will occur to you.

Can you remember any definite sayings and remarks of his illustrative of his character and principles. Can you recall anything of General Wagner and of any relation between your father and him?

I am anxious to get also a chronological statement showing where he was each year of his life. Could you prepare such a little statement some time?

And have you not some letters from him to you in which there would be matters not personal which could be used.

With [illegible] regards from Mrs. Speer and myself,

Very cordially yours.

Miss Sara H. Miller,

541 Lexington Avenue,

New York City.

My Dear Miss Miller:-

On returning to my office after the Nashville Convention, I found your note, received February 27th. The day I started for the Convention letters came from Korea in reply to my letters asking the missionaries whether they would advise your return to the field. They write interesting most kindly, and yet clearly and strongly, the same opinion expressed by Mrs. Moffett in her letter to you, namely, discouraging the thought of your return. Their view is just that which Mrs. Moffett tried to express in her letter to you, and which I also have tried to express from time to time as the result of the judgment of those who know you and your adaptations, namely, that your general temperament and constitution are such that it would be wiser for you not to encounter again the peculiar responsibilities and tests of missionary work. I have made other inquiries beside these, and the results support the counsel which Mrs. Moffett gave you, and which is now contained in these letters from Korea. I do not need to say that I have not heard a word of criticism of you as an earnest, conscientious Christian woman, but no person is adapted to everything, and most people are not adapted to the missionary work. If you want to disprove the judgment of those who have known you so well, and who think you are not adapted to it, the best way to do it is to accept their judgment. That will show that in this regard at least you are wisely ready to accept the counsel of those who have had opportunity to judge, and whose whole disposition is to be as encouraging as possible.

I know that this will be only a reinforcement of the disappointment you already feel; but I know, also, that it would be a wrong and unkind thing to give you any advice except that which I believe to be true and faithful.

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I shall be glad to see you at any time here that I can be of any service to you, and with kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

March 8th, 1906.

The Rev. Cornelius H. Patton, D. D.,
14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Patton:--

I received your most cordial letter yesterday. I had the pleasure of coming back on the same car from Nashville with Dr. Capen, and I also read the new biography of Samuel J. Mills, so that I reached New York [illegible] proper appreciation, if that were possible, of the great history and great spirit and great work, and I hope even greater future of the American [illegible]. I [illegible] also in the Haystack Centennial ever since it began to be talked of, and had looked forward hopefully to being present. Now that I learn the dates, however, I have great fears as to whether it will be possible to come. It has been rather understood in our offices that I was to go to the Pacific Coast for next October to attend our Synods there and to hold a series of meetings on the Coast, and, of course, if I am appointed to this duty it will be impossible to come to North Adams and [illegible] town. I shall bring the matter up as soon as possible in counsel with my associates, and if I am set free from the Pacific tour shall rejoice to come to the Centennial. I am [illegible], however, that matters have gone so far that it will not be possible to withdraw from the plans [illegible].

Very cordially yours,

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March 8th, 1906.

The Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D.,

Ruggles St. Baptist Church, Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Dixon:--

Your kind note stating that you had asked the publishers to send me a copy of "Evangelism Old and New" has been received. When it comes I shall be glad to look it over, but I already have a good many scores of books laid out to be worked through, and I am afraid it will be a long while before I get through this list. One does not have very much time for reading with office work piling up around him all the time.

Veyr cordially yours,

March 8th, 1906.

The Rev. Charles A. Brand,

Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Brand:--

I was not able before leaving for Nashville to acknowledge the receipt of your kind note of February first and Dr. Sanders' note of the same date. I received at the same time "The Life of Samuel J. Mills", and have read almost all of it with the deepest interest. It is an invaluable missionary book and ought to be of peculiar interest to the friends of the Student Movement of the American Board, of the Bible Society, and of all our other missionary organizations which owe so much, if not their very existence, to Samuel Mills' initiative.

Ever yours,

March 9th, 1906.

Mr. E. L. Sellers,

Euclid Ave. Baptist Church,

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sellers:--

I am very grateful for your kind letter of March 6th with reference to the serviceableness of the "Principles of Jesus" in your men's Bible class, and I am glad to hear of the class and thankful to have this small part in its usefulness this present year.

Very sincerely yours,

March 8th, 1906.

The Rev. W. R. Harshaw, D. D.,

West Pittston, Penn.

My dear Dr. Harshaw:--

I wrote to Mr. C. G. Trumbull of the Sunday School Times with reference to Mrs. Barakat, as I knew he would know about her present work, and he replies:

"Your letter to Dr. Harshaw about Mrs. Barakat seems to me to cover the case well so far as it goes, and I do not know how much further it may be well to go in presenting the facts. Mr. Harshaw himself recognizes that Mrs. Barakat is not responsible for the erroneous impression that people may gratuitously and of their own accord get as to her lecturing for missionary work. Mrs. Barakat has not lectured for missionary work for many years, but, as you say, lectures as a means of legitimate support for herself and her children.

I presume you know all about the original plan that she had for collecting funds for the starting of a Syrian orphanage in the East, and that when these plans were finally given up, as much of the money as could be returned to the original donors was returned, through public announcement and through correspondence. That portion of that fund which could not be returned because of its having been given in miscellaneous contributions or because its donors declined to take it back again, asking that it be left in Mrs. Barakat's hands, was set aside as a trust fund, and, after the death of Dr. Trumbull, was turned over by Mr. John Sparhawk, who has invested it as a nominal treasurer, to Mr. Howard and myself. Small payments have been made from this fund from time to time towards the education of Syrian children in the East, and other small payments towards the education of Mrs. Barakat's own Syrian children. The rest of the fund is still being held by us, and not a cent of it has ever gone toward Mrs. Barakat's own personal use.

Recently Mrs. Barakat's husband has been doing everything in his power to stir up agitation against Mrs. Barakat. I can tell you more about this some time when I see you personally, but it may be enough to say that because of Mrs. Barakat's own integrity and unimpeachable record, he has been thwarted at every step in the accomplishment of his unworthy purposes. In 1872, before their marriage, he was dismissed from the faculty of the Protestant Syrian College at Beirut for immorality, to which he confessed. In 1890 he was committed at Marshall Sanitarium at Troy, New York, for insanity, and after spending a few weeks there was discharged, cured. Mrs. Barakat could probably without any difficulty secure a divorce from him at any time, but she has never done so. On the contrary, she is perfectly willing to assist in his care and support, and to do

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everything reasonable within her power for him, save that of permitting him to return to her home circle as husband and father.

Mr. James S. Rogers, whom you may know, a member of the Walnut Street Church, and for many years a frend of mine and our family, has been quietly gathering facts concerning both Mrs. Barakat's and Mr. Barakat's records, and the testimony that he now has at hand, in reserve in case there should be any need of using it, is overwhelming in its condemnatory evidence against Mr. Barakat, and in its vindication of the high character and clean record of Mrs. Barakat. Father's unshaken confidence in Mrs. Barakat, and his utter lack of confidence in the character of her husband, are being remarkably vindicated.

I have written freely to you knowing that you will make only such use of these facts as you think best.

While what I have said as to Mrs. Barakat not lecturing for missionary work for many years is true, it is, on the other hand, true that frequently she will be engaged to lecture by a church or a society, the authorities of which will, at her lecture, take up a collection for various objects, such as church support, or probably in some cases missionary support. Mrs. Barakat, herself, however, has nothing to do with such collections, and knows nothing of them save as she may hear about them when announcements are made. For her lecturing since the giving up of the Syrian orphanage plans has been solely and exclusively for her own legitimate support, just as you said."

I quote this, in perfect confidence, to you, as I know you will make no improper use of Mr. [illegible]'s statement which, of course, can be entirely relied upon. Could you send me a copy of the statement sent out from Philadelphia concerning Mrs. Barakat to which you refer in your letter of February 19th, and have you any evidence that Mrs. Barakat has encouraged the idea that she is carrying on missionary work, and do you know of any case where she has taken up offerings presumably for missionary purposes.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

March 9th, 1906.

To the Editor of the Christian Register,

141 Franklin St., Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:--

I have been gathering for several years the material for a biography of George Bowen who was for more than a generation one of the most devoted and famous missionaries in India. Mrs. Samuel J. Barrows has known of my purpose, and she and Mr. Barrows have called attention to an editorial which she wrote for the Christian Register of March 29th, 1888, regarding Mr. Bowen. Mrs. Barrows knew him intimately in Bombay. Could I get a copy of this issue of the Christian Register, or, if not, could you tell me where I might find a file of the paper here in New York from which I could copy the editorial?

Very sincerely yours,

March 9th, 1906.

Mr. Frederick A. Booth,

860 Broadway, New York City.

My dear Mr. Booth:--

I am very much obliged for your kind note and I shall look forward with the greatest pleasure to the service in the University Place Presbyterian Church on the morning of the 18th, and to dining afterwards with you and Mrs. Booth.

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to come back and spend the night, but I think that probably I shall stay over night at Dobbs Ferry.

Very cordially yours,

March 9th, 1906.

Mr. Tissington Tatlow,

22 Warwick Lane, London, D. C., Eng.

My dear Tatlow:--

Your kind note of February 15th has been received, together with the two copies of "Preparation for the Christian Ministry". I am very much obliged to you for your kindness. I hope the little book may prove serviceable.

The Fifth Student Volunteer Convention closed last Sunday and I think was a very strong, useful meeting. It was a great pleasure to have Dr. Robson and Donald Frazer of the United Free Church, and Dr. Lankester and Mr. Manley of the Church Missionary Society with us.

Very cordially yours,

March 12th, 1906.

The Rev. T. J. Preston,

700 Park Avenue,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Preston:-

I am very sorry that I was detained and unable to be here this morning between nine and ten o'clock. I shall hope to be here, however, on Wednesday at that time, and trust that nothing may interfere with our meeting then.

Very cordially yours,

March 9th, 1906.

The Rev. W. C. Taylor,

Keeseville, New York.

My dear Mr. Taylor:--

As I wrote you, I was making further inquiries regarding Homes for elderly women, and I [illegible] that the following are the Homes in the State nearest Keeseville:

Samuel [illegible] Vilas Home, [illegible], N.Y.
Albany Guardian Society, 553 Clinton Ave., Albany, N. Y.
Cohoes Home for Aged Women, 100 Vliet St., Cohoes, N. Y.
Church Home of the City of Troy, [illegible] and 7th St., [illegible]
Deborah Powers Home, Troy, New York.
Old Ladies Home, Waterford, N. Y.

Doubtless, through correspondence with these Homes you might be able to find a suitable place for the elderly woman of whom you wrote.

Very cordially yours,

March 9th, 1906.

The Rev. Leighton Williams,

312 West 54th St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Williams:--

I am very much obliged for your kindness in sending me the copy of Bowen's "Daily Meditations". I already had the Scotch edition and was very glad to have this copy of the American edition, especially for the preface, and its reference to your father.

I enjoyed very much, indeed, the little time I had with you and your mother several weeks ago, and got some very valuable suggestions from your mother.

Very cordially yours,

March tenth, 1906.

Mr. Dumont Clarke,

Princeton, New Jersey.

My Dear Dumont:-

I did not get your letter of March eighth until last evening, just as I was leaving the office, and did not read it until I was on the elevated train, so there has been no opportunity to reply until this morning.

If you wish, I shall be glad to speak on "The Non-Christian Religions Inadequate to Meet the Needs of Men," at the Thursday evening meeting, but I am not sure that that is a good subject for the meeting, and I shall of course have to cover a great deal less ground than down at Nashville. It is the general atmosphere of those Conventions that make the addresses seem so effective, rather than the addresses themselves. And I am disposed to think that something more directly personal would strike men deeper. Though I am glad to take this subject if you wish it.

If you would prefer some other subject, I would suggest, "A Man and His Thoughts." Please let me know in just a word what you prefer.

Very cordially yours,

March 9th, 1906.

Miss Mable I. Shilton,

541 Lexington, Ave., New York City.

My dear Miss Shilton:--

The missionary to whom I referred at the closing meeting at Nashville was Mrs. Harriet Hewett Clark, whose address is R. F. D. 1, Box 111, Oberlin, Ohio. She is a missionary in Japan on the Island of Kinshin. She told me after the meeting on Sunday night that she had not yet found the missionaries, and that she wanted me to join with her in praying that they might be found. She needs to find also their support.

How small even our most urgent needs at home appear in contrast with such a need as this in Mrs. Clark's field where there are 500,000 people and no missionaries except herself and her husband.

Very sincerely yours,

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March tenth, 1906.

The Rev. H. L. Leuring, PH. D.,

220 West Fourth Street,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

My Dear Dr. Leuring:-

I venture to write just a word to thank you most heartily for the invaluable help which you gave at the Section Meeting at Nashville, at which I presided. I think we had better Section Meetings at this Convention than at any of its predecessors, and I believe a deep and permanent impression was made upon the minds of the students.

The story you told was one of the most remarkable missionaries stories I have ever heard, and it was told with rare skill and power.

With great gratitude to you for your very effective help, I am,

Very cordially yours,

March tenth, 1906.

The Rev. H. B. Price,

Clarksville,

Tennessee.

My Dear Mr. Price:-

I venture to write just a word to thank you most heartily for the invaluable help which you gave at the Section Meeting at Nashville, at which I presided. I think we had better Section Meetings at this Convention than at any of its predecessors, and I believe a deep and permanent impression was made upon the minds of the students.

With great gratitude to you for your very effective help, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

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The Rev. S. R. Vinton,

Newton Centre,

Mass.

My Dear Mr. Vinton:-

I venture to write just a word to thank you for yourinvaluable help at the Section Meeting at Nashville, at which I presided. I think we had better Section Meetings at this Convention than at any of its predecessors, and I believe that a deep and permanent impression was made upon the minds of the students.

With great gratitude to you for your effective help, I am,

Very cordially yours,

March tenth, 1906.

Miss Nellie Zwemer,

353 Central Avenue,

Holland, Michigan.

My Dear Miss Zwemer:-

I venture to write just a word to thank you for your invaluable help at the Section Meeting at Nashville, at which I presided. I think we had better Section Meetings at this Convention than at any of its predecessors, and I believe that a deep and permanent impression was made upon the minds of the students.

Thanking you most heartily for your very effective help, I am,

Very cordially yours,

March tenth, 1906.

Miss Lulu E. Frey,

312 West Sandusky Avenue,

Bellefontaine, Ohio.

My Dear Miss Frey:-

I venture to write just a word to thank you most heartily for the invaluable help which you gave in the Section Meeting at Nashville, at which I presided. I think we had better Section Meeting at this Convention than at any of its predecessors, and I believe that a deep and permanent impression was made upon the minds of the students.

With great gratitude to you for your most effective help, I am,

Very cordially yours,

March tenth, 1906.

The Rev. Henry Topping,

Granville, Ohio.

My Dear Mr. Topping:-

I venture to write just a word to thank you for the invaluable help which you gave in the Section Meeting at Nashville, at which I presided. I think we had better Section Meetings at this Convention than at any of its predecessors, and I believe that a deep and permanent impression was made upon the minds of the student body present.

With greatitude to you for your most effective help, I am,

Very cordially yours,

March tenth, 1906.

Miss Fannie E. Griswold,

1544 Broad Street,

Hartford, Conn.

My Dear Miss Griswold:-

I venture to write just a word to thank you most heartily for the invaluable help which you gave in the Section Meeting at Nashville, at which I presided. I think we had better Section Meetings at this Convention than at any of its predecessors, and I believe that a permanent and deep impression was made upon the minds of the students.

With great gratitude to you for your most effective help, I am,

Very cordially yours,

March 12th, 1906.

Mr. Charles G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Charlie:--

I wrote to Mr. Hawshaw of West Pittston sending him the information which you kindly sent to me, and asking him for the letter from Philadelphia to which he had referred. I have received his reply which I enclosed. Will you please return it?

I have wondered somewhat, from other references which I have heard to Mrs. Barakat's addresses -- references which could not have been prompted by any warnings -- whether it is altogether clear to her auditors that she is lecturing on a purely financial basis. It is very hard in these cases, as I have learned from experience, to have the facts clearly understood by the people. I had not heard for a long time, however, regarding Mrs. Barakat, and did not know that she was still lecturing.

Very affectionately yours,

(enclosure)

March 15th, 1906.

The Rev. R. S. Holmes, D.D. LL. D.,

214 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Dr. Holmes:--

As far as I am concerned, I shall be delighted to have you use in the Westminster, if you wish to do so, the Nashville address to which you refer. I have no manuscript of the address, however, but am relying upon the stenographer's report which will come in due time from the Student Volunteer Movement. I shall write to them to-day, asking whether they can send me one or two copies of it so that I can revise it at once. They will be publishing the address in their report, but I think they will be delighted to have any other use made of it. It might be well, however, if you could drop a note to the Student Volunteer Movement, 3 West 29th St., New York City, and ask them whether they would have any objections to your using it, and if not, if they would kindly send you a copy of the revised report.

Very cordially yours,

March 14th, 1906.

Mr. F. P. Turner,
3 West 29th St., New York City.

My dear Turner:--

Dr. Holmes of the Westminster in Philadelphia writes asking permission to print in his paper the address I gave in Nashville on "The Non-Christian Religions". Gam White, of the United Presbyterian Church and some of the people in the Southern Presbyterian Church have spoken of desiring to print that address as a leaflet. I have, of course, referred them all to you. I should be glad if you could let me have the address to revise whenever you get the report. So far as I am concerned, of course I am entirely willing to have Dr. Holmes print the address in his paper and any of the Boards use it as a leaflet, and I suppose you will see no objection.

Very cordially yours,

March 12th, 1906.

Mr. Walter C. Douglas,

Fifteenth and Chestnut Streets,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Douglas:-

Your kind note of the tenth is just received. I shall probably have to be on the Pacific Coast next October, and am not sure how soon I shall get back. If I am back for Sunday, November 11th, I should be glad to spend that day in Philadelphia, and to be of any service to you in connection with the West Philadelphia Celebration. It will be a few weeks, however, - perhaps a few months, before I know definitely when I shall be back; and as you will probably and properly wish to have your program settled as soon as possible, you had better not count on me. If later I find that I can come for November 11th, and you have not already made other arrangements, I shall be glad to come.

Very cordially yours,

March 18th, 1906.

Professor H. B. Fine,

Princeton, N. J.

My Dear Professor Fine:-

Mrs. Morrison writes that she now has a student from Ann Arbor whom she is trying, and trusts that he may prove a suitable tutor for her son. She is going to let us know whether he is or not. So that if he fails, she would like some other suggestion. If Professor Wynans knows of anyone I shall be glad to mention him to Mrs. Morrison, or she would be glad to hear directly from him.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible] 13th, 1906.

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[illegible],

My [illegible]:--

[illegible] very kind note has been received. I am looking forward with pleasure to coming up next Sunday afternoon and shall be glad [illegible] St. at [illegible].

[illegible],

March 13th, 1906.

The Rev. A. D. Watkins,

1119 Windsor Avenue,

Bristol, Tenn.

My Dear Mr. Watkins;-

Your very kind note has been received. I am sorry to say that I see no prospect of my being able to come to Bristol on my way to or from Asheville this summer. I can never get away from New York until the last moment, and I have never gone by way of Bristol. This year, as well as some other years, I must come from Asheville to the Conferences in Ohio and Wisconsin, and in order to do that, shall have to go around by Knoxville.

Thanking you for your cordial invitation, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

March 13th, 1906.

Mr. E. Graham Wilson,

Brainerd Hall, Eastern, Penn.

My dear Mr. Wilson:--

I am very sorry that it will not be possible for me to come over for any Thursday evening in April. I have other engagements for everyone of the Thursdays which would prevent my coming.

I hope your men came back with real help from the Convention in Nashville.

Very cordially yours,

March 12th, 1906.

The Rev. F. F. Ellinwood, D. D.,

The Hill,

Augusta, Georgia.

My Dear Dr. Ellinwood:-

Dr. Brown has just let me see your good letter of March eighth. I am a little afraid from what you write that you have not been receiving all our letters. Miss MacMillan tells me that some letters she had sent to you at Milton had not reached you.

It was so good to hear from you and to know that you were free from pain, although I could have wished to hear that your strength was increasing instead of diminishing. We miss you very much here, and only wish that we might go to you for counsel, as these many years we have been wont to do.

You will be glad to know that the new Treasurer is taking hold very well. He is a young man, so that I am no longer the youth of the establishment; and he is a devout man. The first morning he came to his office, he called all his assistants together into his own room for prayer, and he is showing a very fine spirit in the way in which he is taking hold.

Dr. Brown gave some admonition to another Chinese Imperial Commission last Saturday evening. The one to which you refer in your letter to him was the Commission credited to the United States. There is now in the city another Commission, however, credited to Europe, at the head of which is one of the princes. It did not seem wise to get up another big public dinner, but last Saturday night, Mr. Jesup, Mr. J. P. Morgan, Mr. Cleveland Dodge, Mr. Parsons and others gave a Dinner at the University Club, at which about one hundred men were present; and I think the speeches were really more effective for our purpose than they were at the larger Dinner. In addition to Mr. Jesup, President Woodrow Wilson, Seth Low and Dr. Brown spoke. Dr. Brown was excellent, as usual; and also President Wilson. And Seth Low was a surprise to me. His address was about as tactful,

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as kindly, and yet as positively Christian and straightforward missionary as you could wish. He put things in a most effective and unequivocal way, and both he and Mr. Jessup and President Wilson spoke up and spoke out for the missionaries and the missionary spirit of Christianity in the most beautiful fashion. I only hope that the Chinese Commissioners got it all through their interpreters.

Dr. Alexander sailed on Saturday last for two months absence, visiting Egypt and Palestine, attending the Conference with Mohammedan workers at Cairo.

We had a great meeting of the Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville. You will have seen an account of it in the papers. It went beyond any of the preceding Conventions, and I believe it was a time of the kindling of fires, which will shine all around the world.

We have ventured to make a few changes here, involving the use of your room, but I do not need to say that we long to see you back, and if ever there is any hope of your making any use of it, it is and always will be your office.

We are all very well. You will be sorry to hear, however, of the death of Mrs. Hepburn. The old Doctor is very feeble now, and I imagine he will not survive Mrs. Hepburn many years.

With warmest love from us all.

Very affectionately yours,

March 13th, 1906.

Mrs. Karl Kumm,

Mt. View,

Castleton, via Sheffield.

My Dear Mrs. Kumm:-

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of February 12th some days ago, and on Saturday, to meet Dr. Kumm himself, who came in with Dr. Taylor. He spent Sunday in Philadelphia, and came back here to-day, and we had a long conference with him, ans shall hope to have further conference. We have been deeply interested in the proposition which he has upon his heart, and I trust that something can be done to occupy this needy and open field.

Mrs. Speer and I have often spoken of you, and of course we have so often seen our dear friends, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor, that we have kept pretty closely in touch with your movements. We shall hope to see not a little of Dr. Kumm while he is here, and trust that Mrs. Speer also may meet him, and get fuller word about you and the children.

With kind regards from us both.

Very sincerely yours,

March 14th, 1906.

The Rev. H. A. Bridgman,

14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Bridgman:--

Your very kind letter with its enclosed galley proofs from the Boston Transcript is just received. The copy of the Congregationalist containing the report of the Convention will doubtless come in the next mail. I am very much obliged for the clippings and the paper. The reference in the Transcript to my address is more than kind and I rejoice if you felt that it was fair and just. That was one point especially where I did not want to err. I believe that the current attitude of mind is altogether too tepid and carelessly tolerant toward the non-Christian religion; but I did not want to re-act from that and be harsh [illegible].

If you have never read Dr. Kellogg's "The Light of Asia and the Light of the World", I think you would enjoy looking it through some day.

It was good to see you at Nashville, although I, too, had hoped that we might have seen more of one another. I had a good talk one evening with our friend, Mr. McDonald, from Toronto. Will you not be coming down to New York some time soon? If you do come, please be sure to drop in for lunch, or if you have a night come out and spend it with me at Englewood. That will be just as convenient as in a city Hotel.

Your father wrote a little note some time ago regarding Mr. Bliss. The fact that he is a cousin of yours

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makes us all the happier to have him under assignment to one of our Missions. He is going to the most romantic and difficult, and at the same time one of the most attractive and appealing fields of the world, among the mountain Nestorians and Kurds in Eastern Turkey.

With kind regards,

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer

With regard to printing that address on the Nonchtn. religion in the Congregationalist I need not say that I should be glad to have it put to any service. Dr. Holmes of the Westminster wrote asking for it and I referred him to Mr. Turner. If your paper wishes it of course you are welcome to it as far as I have any voice and I suppose Dr. Holmes' using it would not interfere. I want to revise [illegible]

March 13th, 1906.

The Rev. James A. Larcombe,

Troy, New York.

My dear Mr. Larcombe:--

Dr. Baer told me yesterday of his very pleasant meeting with you in Troy and of your kind words regarding the influence of the Student Volunteer Convention in Cleveland, I think eight years ago. I told him I was sure there were many men who had never been able to go out to the foreign field whose lives had been turned, by the influence of the Student Volunteer movement, into spheres of Christian activity here at home. I rejoice to get the kind word which you sent and pray that God may greatly bless you in all your service for Him.

Very cordially yours,

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Mrs. Alexander,

10 West 54th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Alexander:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received. I understand that Mr. Johnston Ross is not coming over this summer. We were hoping he would come for the Summer Conferences, but I am quite sure he has written he cannot come.

Dr. L. Mason Clarke is an extraordinarily good preacher I have been told. I have never heard him myself, but I have heard a great deal about him, and have read one or two of his sermons. I should think he would be an excellent man to get. He is not altogether of your theological opinions, but I should not hesitate a moment if I were in your place to invite him.

Thank you very much for your invitation to me to come. I am not altogether certain as yet whether I shall be here the last Sunday in July, but I am inclined to think that I shall be, and in that case should be delighted to come. I will let you know very soon whether it will be possible to come.

I have promised to go out to Maitland's church for the preceding Sunday, if I can manage it, to help fill up while he is abroad.

Very affectionately yours,

March 13th, 1906.

Mrs. M. McBride,

Box 213,

Oxford, Miss.

My Dear Mrs. McBride:-

I was very glad to receive at Nashville, your kind letter of February 27th, and I wish the boys of whom you wrote had come up to speak to me. Such Convention days are very crowded and busy days, however, and there is little opportunity for conference. Still, I should have been happy to meet them. I trust that they got real help and strength from the meetings, and that just that was accomplished for them which you desired.

Very cordially yours,

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March 15th, 1906.

Mr. Tom Gurley,

57 Vanderbilt, Yale, New Haven, Conn.

My dear Tom:--

It will be impossible for me to come for April 8th. I will have to be in Baltimore that Sunday. I have spoken to Dr. Brown, however, and have asked him to let you know if he can come. I hope you will succeed in getting up the meeting and that it will be a great and true success.

Very cordially yours,

March 15th, 1906.

The Rev. S. J. Barrows,

135 East 15th St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Barrows:--

I am very much obliged for your kind notes of March 6th and 7th forwarding the copy of the Editorial in the Christian Register on Mr. Bowen, and giving the date of its appearance. I am slowly getting together a valuable mass of material and trust that it may be possible some time to do justice to his most interesting and suggestive character.

Very cordially yours,

March 15th, 1906.

President Henry Hopkins,

Williamstown, Mass.

My dear Dr. Hopkins:--

Your kind note of March 3rd came while I was at the Student Volunteer Convention in Nashville. Since coming back I have received a very kind letter from Dr. Patton with reference to the sessions which are to be held at Williamstown in connection with the American Board meeting at North Adams, inviting me to come for one of the sessions on October 11th. I had earnestly hoped that it might be possible for me to go, but I find that it will probably be necessary for me either to be in South America or on the Pacific Coast during October, so that I shall have to give up that day and also the privilege of accepting your invitation for Sunday the 7th or the 14th.

I shall hope, however, to be able to get to Williamstown some Sunday next year in some other month if you desire.

Very cordially yours,

March 15th, 1906.

The Rev. C. H. Patton, D. D.,

14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Patton:--

I brought up this morning in our Council meeting your kind letter of March 6th. We talked over many plans for our work for the coming fall. I think it is practically certain that I shall have to go either to the Pacific Coast or to South America, and that, accordingly, I can not hope to have the pleasure of accepting your cordial invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

March 15th, 1906.

Miss Anna P. Townsend,

"The Wheeler,"

Southern Pines, N. Car.

My Dear Miss Townsend:-

I should be very glad to speak at the Commencement Exercises of your School on the evening of June Fourth.

Very cordially yours,

March 15th, 1906.

President C. O. Day,

Andover, Mass.

My daar President Day:--

In coming back from the Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville, I found your good letter of February 27th. I do not know what the plans of the Board of Home Missions are with reference to Mr. Baer's place, but I will speak to someone in the Home Board with reference to Mr. Hazard.

Thank you very much for your invitation to come up to the school some Sunday next year. I shall be glad to keep it in mind and to arrange for a Sunday if I can do so when I come to make my appointments.

Very cordially yours,

March 15th, 1906.

Miss Eleanor [illegible]. Brownell,

5[illegible]41 Lexington Avenue,

New York City.

My Dear Miss Brownell:-

I have no particular subject in mind for the meeting on the evening of April 12th. Is there anything about which you would specially like to have me speak? Would you like some such subject as, "What Help May We Actually Expect From Christ"?

It was a great pleasure to have you with us last Sunday. I hope you will come back soon again.

Very cordially yours,

The Rev. George Bachelor,

[illegible] Congress St., Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Bachelor:--

I am very much obliged for your kind letter of March 13th. I find that Mr. Barrows has sent the copy of the editorial, and it was among some papers which I have not yet had time to examine.

Very sincerely yours,

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Miss Ethel Levering,

1308 Eutaw Place,

Baltimore, Md.

My Dear Miss Levering:-

Your very kind letter has been received. I should be delighted to accept your invitation to speak at the Northfield meeting, but I have to be in Germantown that afternoon speaking at a meeting, and shall not be able to get down to Baltimore until late Saturday evening; and while I should like to stay over on Monday for the meeting that afternoon, it will not be possible. I shall have to take the midnight sleeper Sunday back to New York. I hope very much you can get someone else, though, for I believe in such meetings; and I know their results are helpful.

I am glad to hear of the happiness in your Sister's home. With kind regards to you from Mrs. Speer and myself.

Very sincerely yours,

March 15th, 1906.

The Rev. F. S. Hatch,

Newton, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Hatch:-

Your kind note of February 27th was received and acknowledged while I was away from the city. I had supposed that all my Sundays were filled until midsummer, but find that there has been some misunderstanding with reference to a supposed engagement for May 27th at Williamstown, so that I am free for that day, and can come to the Eliot Church.

I have at present no other engagement in or near Boston which I could combine with this, and unless some such invitation comes, shall look forward to being with you both morning and evening.

Very sincerely yours,

March 16th, 1906.

Mr. Charles P. Kilborne,

74 Broadway, New York City.

My dear Mr. Kilborne:--

I was very much interested in your letter regarding Truman and what you felt was the unhappy influence of Western life upon him in some small particulars. I should be glad to be of any use to him, but I hardly know how to take up the matter with him. Perhaps he will come to see me some time so that I could notice things for myself and speak to him. You would not have any objection, would you, to my telling him frankly of your anxiety? If he is going to Yale in the fall influences there will doubtless serve to counteract somewhat the tendencies of which you speak. But if I can be of any service to him I should be very glad.

Very cordially yours,

March 15th, 1906.

Miss Helen Temple Cooke,

Wellesley, Massachusetts.

My dear Miss Cooke:--

I was so sorry to miss you when you called after the Nashville Convention. I was in the building at the time and regret very much that I was not told that you were here.

Dr. Zwemer told me of his happy visit to Dana Hall, and of how much he enjoyed being with you and your girls.

With warm regards,

Very sincerely yours,

March 16th, 1906.

Mr. David McConaughy,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear David:--

Thank you very much for your note about your correspondence with Mr. Hogg. I supposed there was a screw loose. He is an energetic, entertaining man, but he has a way of his own.

I have been wondering whether we might not need to take up the statement of Mission Policy which I was to revise, in the light of the action taken by the Board officers in Nashville. I have not lost sight of the matter but have been gathering some additional material for it. The understanding was that each member of the Council was to correct his copy and make suggestionson it and give them to me. The only one I ever got was Dr. Bradt's.

I hope that in the next Home Department Conference some other questions of importance which ought to be considered may be brought up.

Very affectionately yours,

March 16th, 1906.

The Rev. David Gregg, D. D.,
Western Theological Seminary,
Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Gregg:--

Dr. Sneed has just written that he wishes me to meet the men of the East Liberty Church at a dinner on Saturday evening, April 28th, in connection with my spending the following day in his church. I have written to him that you had invited me to speak at the Seminary while I was in Pittsburg, and I would have to write to you, although I should very much like to accept his invitation. I shall not be able to be in Pittsburg more than just Saturday night and Sunday and cannot stay over Monday. I suppose Saturday and Sunday would be no suitable time for a meeting in the Seminary at any event, as so many of your students are probably away preaching; but if you do wish me to speak as you kindly suggested, I should be glad to do so at any time while I am in Pittsburg, if it does not conflict with any meetings that ought to be held in the East Liberty Church. I shall be glad to fall in with any arrangement which you and Dr. Sneed may make.

Very cordially yours,

March 16th, 1906.

The Hon. George R. Carter,

Honolulu, Hawaiin Islands.

My dear George:--

How is the Lieutenant-Governor getting along? I saw Mr. Atkinson here at the Immigration Conference of the Civic Federation and he told me of the cablegram that came announcing the Lieutenant-Governor's arrival. I hope that he is waxing strong, and can well believe that while you may run the Philippine Islands, you have now a master hand controlling you.

Won't you be coming East some time again bringing your family with you? Be sure to remember that the latch string is out for you in Englewood and there will be plenty of room for you and all the family.

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wife. She seems to have endured the conditions very well in Honolulu, and Peking, I suppose, would not be at all unfavorable as a place of residence.

We are anxious, however, to hear from some of those who have known Mr. and Mrs. Turner, or have means of judging of the character of their work in the Hawaiian Islands and their capacity for an important mission work among the young men -- especially the influential young men -- of Northern China. Would you feel that Mr. Turner would be a good man for such work? We shall probably open a gymnasium in connection with the Mission sooner or later, and Mr. Turner who was quite a gymnast in College might find special opportunities of usefulness along this line.

I write in behalf of the Committee of the University to ask for your judgment as to Mr. Turner's fitness for such work.

I hope that you are very well, and with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

March 16th, 1906.

The Rev. Frank W. Damon,,

Honolulu, Hawaiin Islands.

My dear Mr. Dagman:--

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I hope that you are very well, and with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

March 16th, 1906.

Mr. George Leonard,

3 West 29th St., New York City.

My dear Leonard:--

I have no objection whatever to the circulation as a leaflet of the talk on "Resisting Temptation", to which I suppose the delegate to the Detroit Conference refers. If that is the address could you send me a copy of the Report of the Conference, so that I could look over the address in order to give it any necessary revision.

Very cordially yours,

March 16th, 1906.

Mr. Harold Holmes,

Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Harold:--

I received your note of March 14th only yesterday afternoon a little while before leaving for Princeton, and had no time to dictate an abstract of what I was expecting to say at Murray Hall. I should have been glad to have done this had I any time.

I suppose you are working for the "Princetonian", and sincerely trust you may succeed if you are.

Very sincerely Yours,

[signature]

March 17th, 1906.

Mr. William Jay Schieffelin,
5 East 66th St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Schieffelin:--

I am sending you herewith a copy of an address delivered by Professor Simpson in Edinburgh last July, which I think you will be interested. The closing paragraph seems to me one of the most beautiful things I have ever read.

It was a great delight to be with you last night, as it always is to see you and Mrs. Schieffelin.

Very cordially yours,

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March 20th, 1906.

Mr. S. M. Sayford,

Tremont Temple,

Boston, Mass.

My Dear Uncle Samuel:-

Could you send me one hundred copies of the Address which I made at the last meeting of your Evangelistic Association? The Outlook last week came down on it in a four and a half column editorial, which has proven a very good advertisement; and I should be glad if you could send me this number of copies. If there is any charge for them, please send me a memorandum, and I will remit at once.

Very cordially yours,

March 20th, 1906.

Miss E. S. Creighton,

Englewood, New Jersey.

My Dear Miss Creighton:-

I shall be very glad indeed to speak to the girls at their Commencement Exercises on June fifth. The afternoon would be more convenient for me, if it is just as convenient for you. The first Sunday on which I could come up to speak to the girls is Sunday, May sixth, and I shall be very glad to come then.

Very cordially yours,

March 21st, 1906.

Miss Elizabeth Cochran,

1732 Clifton Place,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Elizabeth:-

It was a great pleasure to get to-day your letter of the 17th, and I rejoice to know of the material which you will be sending on soon. Please do not destroy those recollections which you have written out. Even if they are not in the form in which you would like them printed, they will be very helpful, and I shall be grateful for them just as they are. A great deal of splendid material has been gathered thus far, and I have been going over the old files of the Board letters with the deepest interest, containing your father's earliest letters and reports.

I hope you will send on a copy of the letter to Mr. Stevens and everything else that you can. I think I have Kasha Isaac's funeral address; but I do not remember seeing the article from Mr. Coan. I am so glad that you have asked Miss Margaret Dean to write. I shall write to Dr. Kimball immediately.

With warm regards from Mrs. Speer and myself.

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer.

March 20th, 1906.

Mr. Edward C. Wood,

Howard Houston Hall,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Ned:-

Thank you very much for your note, with its enclosed check. I had forgotten all about the matter. I am glad to hear of the good effects of the Nashville Convention. I suspect they are being felt all over the country.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

March 21st, 1906.

Dr. Grace Kimball,

Vassar College,

Poughkeepsie, New York.

My Dear Dr. Kimball:-

I have undertaken to gather the material and to prepare a biography of Dr. Cochran. I know that you were a warm friend of Dr. Cochran's and of the first Mrs. Cochran, and I have wondered whether you might not have some letters from them, and also some recollections which you would be willing to write out. I should be very grateful for any help which you could give.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer.

March 21st, 1906.

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey,

Fifteenth and Chestnut Streets,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Caskey:-

Your kind letter of yesterday is just received. I rejoice to know od your ordination as an Elder in the Second Church, and I do pray that God may greatly bless you in your new service, and make you in it an ever-increasing blessing to others.

I appreciated very much your cordial invitation to me to come over to speat at one of the meetings in April which you mention. But it will be impossible for me to do so. I have already between twenty and thirty appointments in April, and I cannot justifiably make another one. May is the General Assembly month, which compels us here either to go to the Assembly, or to stay close by the stuff in the offices; and I do not think it would be fine to add another one to the many appointments which I have already made forthat month. I do sincerely appreciate the cordiality of your invitation, and I shall be very glad to come some other time.

It was a pleasure to see you at the Convention at Nashville. We had a good time, did we not, and especially at our Denominational Meeting on Saturday? I saw how you felt, and I felt just as you did, during Dr. Reavis's beautiful little speech.

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer

March 23rd, 1906.

Mr. John G. Magee,

Yale University Christian Association,

New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Sir:-

Your note to Mr. Speer was received in his absence yesterday, and he is not yet in town to-day. He will be here, however, to-morrow, but will have a Council meeting all the morning. I think you could without doubt see him early in the afternoon. He will probably be here until three o'clock.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Edith C. Dickie.

March 21st, 1906.

Mrs. Mary A. Whipple,

1215 East Third Street,

Duluth, Minn.

My Dear Mrs. Whipple:-

Your kind note of March seventh, with the enclosed statement regarding Dr. Cochran, was received several days ago. It was a great pleasure to get it, and it will be I know a great help in preparing the biography. I am still gathering material, and reading over the early letters which Dr. Cochran wrote from Persia, and I doubt whether I shall be able to do anything in the way of actually writing the biography until summer.

Mr. Clement has been very kind and helpful, and I think I have all the material which he has been able to gather. Very little has come from Persia, however, and I am especially anxious to see a paper on Dr. Cochran which was read at the annual meeting, and which seems to have made a deep impression.

With kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

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March 21st, 1906.

Mr. Andrew Stevenson,

947 First National Bank Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Stevenson:-

Your letter of March 16th, regarding the Memorial Service this coming Sunday in the Woodlawn Park Church, is just received. I write at once in reply.

I wish I could have known Mr. White better, but I was grateful for the few opportunities which I had of seeing him and talking with him and hearing him speak. No one could meet him I think without being impressed with his simplicity, his sincere friendliness, his interest in the things in which only disinterested men have an interest. You who saw him constantly, and who knew him far better, I have no doubt must have seen more evidence than we who only met him occasionally, of his genuine realization of the first business of a man's life - the doing of the will of God.

I am glad to hear about Dr. Halsey's meetings, and shall look forward to getting a full report of them from him when he comes back next week.

With kind regards.

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer.

March 21st, 1906.

Dr. Howard A. Kelly,

Baltimore,

Maryland.

My Dear Dr. Kelly:-

I thank you very much for the copy of the paper reprinted from the Journal of the Medical Association of February tenth. I have read it with very much interest, and rejoice in the strong stand that you have taken in these matters.

Have you seen the Farewell Address to the graduates of the University of Edinburgh, last July, by Professor Simpson, entitled "Religio Medici." It is a beautiful Address. If you have not seen it I should be glad to send you one of my copies.

Very cordially yours,

March 24th, 1906.

Mr. Frank T. Pine,

The Hill School, Pottstown, Penn.

My dear Mr. Pine:--

I have been out of my office for the last two days and received both of your kind letters on coming in this morning. Mr. Hitchcock has not been over here and I can only surmise from your letters that there is occasion for solicitude on his account. If there is anything that I can do in the matter, I shall be very glad to be of any service.

Very cordially yours,

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March 21st, 1906.

The Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.,

Witherspoon Building,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Dr. Miller:-

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, the brief note for the "Good Citizenship" number of Forward.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer

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March 24th, 1906.

Mr. James S. Cushman,

39 East 27th St., New York City.

My dear Jim:--

I enclose herewith a copy of the address to which the Outlook referred.

We have spent the last two days moving and I ache in every muscle and bone, but home is going to be very, very beautiful now, and you and Vera must come to see us soon.

Very affectionately yours,

March 26th, 1906.

The Rev' Albert C. Fulton,

Sommersworth, N. H.

Dear Sir:--

Your inquiry has been referred to me. The address of which you speak has not as yet been published. I have the report, revising it for the Student Volunteer Movement which will publish it in its Report of the Convention. I believe it is to be published also as a leaflet, but I presume it will be some weeks before that is done. Copies of it can doubtless be obtained in due time from the Student Volunteer Movement, 3 West 29th St.

Very sincerely yours,

March 24th, 1906.

Mrs. James T. Gardner,
41 East 68th St., New York City.

My dear Mrs. Gardner:--

I have just received some copies of the address to which the Outlook referred in its Editorial, and about which you inquire, and I have pleasure in enclosing two herewith.

It was a very great pleasure to meet you and your daughter at Mrs. Schieffelin's May I ask to be remembered most cordially to your father.

Very sincerely yours,

(enclosures)

March 24th, 1906.

The Rev. M. C. Hazard,
The Wellspring, Congregational Bldg.,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Hazard:--

I received some time ago your kind note with its enclosures with reference to the articles I sent for the Wellspring. I enclose a few more herewith.

Very cordially yours,

(enclosures)

March 24, 1906.

Mr. Frederick G. Booth,

860 Broadway, New York City.

My dear Mr. Booth:--

I enclose herewith an acknowledgement of your very kind check. It was a great pleasure to speak in Dr. Alexander's place, and I am only sorry I had a cold which must have made it unpleasant for many to listen. You and Mrs. Booth were kindness itself and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute with you. There were only too few of them.

With kind regards to Mrs. Booth,

Very cordially yours,

March 26th, 1906.

The Hon. James A. Beaver,

Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

My dear General Beaver:--

You will be receiving soon, I think, an invitation from the students at Yale to speak at their Students' Summer Conference at Lakeville, Conn. next July, on the subject of, "The Opportunities for Christian Men in Public Service". I hope you may be able to accept their invitation. The date of the Northfield Convention this summer makes it impossible for most of the Yale students to attend, as they do not get away from Yale until Northfield is just about over; so, with the approval of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, they are holding a little special Convention of their own this year at the Hotchkiss School at Lakeville. It is a delightful place and it is a fine thing that they are doing. You would greatly enjoy being with them and also would be a very great help to them.

I told the "Sister's Story" in an address at Nashville at the Student Volunteer Convention, and it was interesting to see the students from the Southern States moved by it. A number of them spoke to me of it.

With much love to Mrs. Beaver,

Very affectionately yours,

March 27th, 1906.

Mr. Hugh McIlhany,

Young Men's Christian Association,

University of Virginia, Virginia

My dear Mr. McIlhany:--

I find I shall have to be in New York on the morning of May 21st and that I shall not be able to come down for the preceding day to the University. I am sorry this cuts me out of a visit this year, but I am glad I got down last year and shall hope to have the pleasure of coming down this again.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

March 27th, 1906.

Mr. E. H. Perkins,

Providence Savings Bank,

Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Perkins:--

Your kind note was received last week. I had all my Sundays full, but I have to make a change in one because of a Monday appointment, from which I could get home from Baltimore but not from the place there I originally expected to be, so that I have pleasure in saying that I could come for Sunday, May 20.

Very cordially yours,

March 27th, 1906.

Miss Mable D. Holmes,

214 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Miss Holmes:--

I return herewith the proof of Dr. Norton's article. On reading it over it seems to me that it might be better not to tamper with it. The changes which I would have made would have been changes of statement which I ought not to make in another man's article. Furthermore, I think the statements are probably true, but they involve comparisons which seemed to depreciate others. I think the others are entirely generous, however and will not object, so that I am sending the article back, unchanged.

Very cordially yours,

March 27th, 1906.

Mr. Henry A. Talmadge,

1031 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Talmadge:--

Thank you very much for your kind note regarding the copy for the Sunday School Times. I am sorry to have been so often remiss this year, but I shall try to catch up and keep you supplied well ahead. As a rule, I have been able to get you all the material for the year by August, but I ought not to have been in arrears as many times as I have this winter.

Very cordially yours,

March 27th, 1906.

Miss Susie Little,

21 Division St., Toronto, Canada.

My dear Miss Little:--

I am very grateful for your kind invitation to attend the next Annual Convention of your Young Women's Christian Associations, but I am sorry to have to say that it will be impossible for me to accept. I shall probably have to be on the Pacific Coast in October and early in November, and even if I get back to New York by 11st of November I shall not be free to go away then for some time until I shall have caught up with the work that will have accumulated.

Very sincerely yours,

March 27th, 1906.

The Rev. Abner Cook,

Wilton Grove, Saratoga Co., New York.

My dear Mr. Cook:--

I have no copies of the address to which you refer, but it is printed in a little book entitled, "Remember Jesus Christ", published by Fleming H. Revell Company, 158 Fifth Ave., New York City. I think the price of the book is 75cts. I have not ordered it for you because I was not sure that you would want the whole book.

Thanking you for your kind note,

I am,

Very cordially yours,

March 28th, 1906.

Miss Olive Bucks,

South Fifth Avenue,

Ann Arbor, Michigan.

My Dear Miss Bucks:-

I am venturing to send you herewith, a little book on the character of Jesus, which I think I told you I would like to send when we were talking together on the church at Nashville. I trust that before the Conference closed, some of the questions that were perplexing you were straightened out. If they were not, I do not know how better they can be straightened out than by your taking up a careful and thorough study of the character of our Lord. It seems to me that the central question is the question of Christ, and that if we can get clearly established our conviction of his supernatural character, and, accordingly, of his supernatural power to help, other things will easily be cleared up. I do not send this little book for any other purpose than just to suggest to you a line of study for yourself, which I hope you will take up with only your Gospels as a text book, working out from them for yourself the evidence of the unique character of Jesus, and His unique power to help. We need some solid anchorage outside of our own moods and caprices, and we find this I think in the ever-living power and personality of Christ. If we get that securely fixed, we can feel little concern at the variations of our mood.

Very cordially yours,

March 28th, 1906.

The Rev. Edward S. Hume, D. D.,

New Haven, Conn.

My Dear Dr. Hume:-

Your good letter of March 21st, with the invaluable enclosures, has been received. I thank you with all my heart for them. Do you wish the originals back? If so, I shall be glad to copy them at once and return them. I knew of Bowen's letter to the missionaries in India, stating his reasons for his change, having seen a printed copy of it in the Library at the Yale Divinity School. I am not sure that that is the same letter as was addressed to your missionaries in Bombay or not.

You will not fail some time, will you, to dictate your own recollections and estimate of Bowen? I shall not be happy until you have done this.

With warm regard.

Your sincere friend,

March 27th, 1906.

Miss Elizabeth I. Cochran,

1732 Clifton Place,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Mt dear Elizabeth:--

Your kind note of the 24th, with its copy of the letter to Mr. Stevens and the article by Mr. Coan, is just received. I received also the extracts from the letters which you sent a few days ago, and shall look forward with much interest to those which your Aunt Mary will be sending shortly.

Very cordially yours,

March 27th, 1906.

Mr. Howard Bement,

The Hill School,

Pottstown, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Bement:-

Your kind note came some time ago, while I was away at the Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville. I had expected to see you this month at the Hill, but through an error here, one of the dates when I was expected to be at the Hill this year had been omitted from the letter, so that they were counting on Dr. Merle Smith's coming that day. Later, when they heard he could not come, I had made other engagements, so that it was impossible for me to come. I shall look forward to seeing you, though, the next time that I am there, and if I can be of any help in connection with your plans for the future, I hope you will believe that it will be a real pleasure and privilege on my part if you will let me try to serve you in any way.

Very cordially yours,

March 27th, 1906.

Miss Margaret M. Reeve,
Marion Hall,
Bryn Mawr, Penna.

My Dear Miss Reeve:-

I am sorry to have to say that I have no Sunday afternoon between now and the summer time when I could come to Bryn Mawr. I wish there were some free time. I have heard of course with the greatest interest of what is going on in the College, and do earnestly trust and pray that the work may be united, and united on an evangelical basis.

Very cordially yours,

March 27th, 1906.

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey,
15th and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Caskey:--

Your kind note of the 23rd has been received, but I cannot give you any other answer than the one I gave before. One has to stop somewhere, and I do not think I would be warranted in piling in any more engagements in the month of April. If my only work were to speak at meetings then I could take on more, but that is merely incidental. I have more than I can do in the office here, and I am so far behind now that I should be doing wrong to take on more appointments to speak in April.

Very cordially yours,

March 27th, 1906.

The Rev. John Bancroft Devins, D. D.,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My Dear Dr. Devins:-

I have been slow in acknowledging your kind note of March 16th, with the accompanying copy of the Observer reporting the Nashville Convention. Your secretary showed me the article about my address, and I told her to cut out certain sections of it, but I see she did not follow my instructions.

With warm regards, and rejoicing at every opportunity of contact with you, I am,

Your sincere friend,

March 27th, 1906.

Mr. Horace C. Coleman,

Norristown, Penna.

My Dear Horace:-

I enclose herewith a letter from Dr. Haven, which I think you would like to see. It needs no word of explanation, as it simply follows up what I wrote to you before.

Eleanor was very much pleased with her postal card from Mexico. We are all in our new house now, and shall look forward with joy to welcoming you when you get back.

Will you please return Dr. Haven's letter?

Very affectionately yours,

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March 28th, 1906.

The Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.,

Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

My dear Dr. Miller:--

Your kind note of yesterday with reference to the publication by your Board of my address at Nashville is just received. I am sending it to the Student Volunteer Movement, with the request that they send you a copy of the revised address with permission on their part for its publication by you.

I have the stenographer's report of the address now, and hope to revise it and return it to the Student Volunteer Movement this week.

Very affectionately yours,

March 27th, 1906.

The Rev. H. D. Jenkins, D. D.,
Riverside, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Jenkins:--

I very much appreciate your kind comment on the editorial in the Outlook. I venture to enclose herewith a copy of the address which called forth the Outlook's article. It strikes me as a very simple and inoffensive sort of thing, but what barbs there were in it evidently cut through the Outlook's skin.

With warm regards,

Very sincerely yours,

(enclosure)

March 29th, 1906.

Mr. James Harris,
Bellefonte, Penn.

My dear Mr. Harris:--

Your good note of the 26th is just received. I am delighted to hear that you have a man and that there was such unanimity of opinion in choosing him. I trust that he may prove to be God's own man for you.

It was a great delight to see you and Mrs. Harris. I wish I could have been in Bellefonte a little longer and especially for a Sunday.

I see Jack Holmes now and then. He is doing very well. It is a real stimulous to one's Christian faith to see him standing solidly on his feet and working away with earnestness and courage as he is doing.

With much love to you and Mrs. Harris,
Ever your friend,

March 28, 1906.

The Rev. Henry Wiles Smith,

Lee, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Smith:--

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the address before the New England Evangelistic Association.

Very sincerely yours,

(enclosure)

March 28th, 1906.

Mr. Edwin Barrows,

P. O. Box 495, Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Barrows:--

I am sorry it will not be possible to accept your kind invitation, but I have engagements for June 3rd and 10th which will prevent my coming.

Very sincerely yours,

March 28th, 1906.

Mr. F. P. Turner,
3 West 29th St., New York City.

My dear Turner:--

I have received the enclosed note from Dr. Miller of the Presbyterian Board of Publication. I have told him that I would refer it to you with the request that you would send him a revised copy of the address and would assent to its publication by him. I shall hope to send you back this week the corrected copy of the stenographer's report. You could then send galley proofs to Dr. Miller and also to Dr. Holmes of the Westminster, who thinks that he may wish to print the address in his paper.

Very cordially yours,

March 27th, 1906.

Mr. T. M. Baker,
Sherman Ave., Tompkinsville,
Staten Island, New York.

My dear Mr. Baker:--

The Nashville address to which you refer has not been published, but it will be published in full in due time in the Report of the Convention, which can be secured from the Student Volunteer Movement, 3 West 29th St., New York City. I understand that the Westminster, a Presbyterian paper, in Philadelphia, thinks of publishing it, and if it does of course you could get a copy of the paper.

Very sincerely yours,

March 28th, 1906.

Mr. E. C. Mercer,

316 Water St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Mercer:--

I was glad to get this morning your letter of yesterday and to learn definitely of your appointment as Assistant Superintendent of the Jerry McCaulay Mission. I rejoice to know that this responsibility and honor have come to you, and shall, indeed, pray that God may make you strong for this work and give you abundant fruitage in it.

The Nashville address to which you refer has not yet been printed. It will be published in the report of the Convention, and also as a leaflet, probably, by our Presbyterian Board of publication, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia. I suppose I shall have some copies sooner or later and shall be glad to furnish you one. I enclose herewith a copy of an address before the New England Evangelistic Association with which the Outlook found some fault, but with which I think you will agree.

What a good thing it is to serve our Master and to know that it is His judgment which we have to meet. That will take all the pride out of us, for whatever we may think of ourselves or others may think of us, we know how unworthy we must appear in Christ's sight. And that will also make us fearless and strong, because it is of no consequence what condemnation we meet from others, so long as Christ approves.

Mr. E. C. Mercer, 2.

With the prayer that God may bless you more and more,

I am

Your sincere friend,

March 27th, 1906.

The Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.,

Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Dr. Miller:--

Your kind letter of yesterday is just received. It is always a delight to hear from you, and I wish Mrs. Speer and I might look forward to coming some time together to be with you at St. Paul's. I am afraid there is little prospect, however. I have engagements for all my Sundays pretty well through the summer, and it looks now as though I should have to go to the Pacific Coast in October for a series of meetings there. But I hope that some day we can come together.

We have been very busy the last week moving to a new home, and we have altogether too many colds in our family just now to be as cheerful as we should like to be; but we are all happy even when we are not cheerful - at least, we try to be, although Baby in the midst of her discomfort assured me over and over again last evening that she was not able to be happy, and she was not able to go to sleep. She was only able to feel bad.

I wish you might have been down at the Convention in Nashville. We had a wonderful time there and the blessing of God certainly rested upon the meeting.

With warm regards to Mrs. Miller and Will and his wife,

Very affectionately yours,

March 27th, 1906.

Mr. Arthur L. Thayer,

Barnes Hall, Ithaca, New York.

My dear Mr. Thayer:--

Your kind letter of March 18th was received some days ago. I shall probably have to go to the Pacific Coast next fall for the month of October, and in that event would not be able to come to Cornell either that month or in September. If I do not go to the Pacific Coast and could arrange to come, I should be glad to do so, or I might be able to come later in the year. President Schurman invited me up for one Sunday last year, and I should have been glad to go, but at the time he wrote all my Sundays were full.

Thanking you heartily for your kind invitation,

Very cordially yours,

President Schurman has just invited me to come in June.

March 27th, 1906.

Professor George E. Vincent,

Hyde Park, Chicago, Ills.

My dear Professor Vincent:--

I have not forgotten your kind note with reference to a visit to Chautauqua next summer, but I do not see any prospect of being able to go; unless I could manage to stop off on my way from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, to Silver Bay, New York, the last week in June, and I do not know that the Railroad Companies would allow this, and I presume this is too early in the season for your purpose.

Very cordially yours,

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March 31st, 1906.

Mr. F. G. Brown,

Box 715, Galt, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Sir:--

Your note of March 29th was received yesterday, and I need not assure you of my hearty interest in what so deeply concerns you; but I cannot imagine what it is to which [illegible] refers. [illegible] some [illegible] knowledge or sympathy. [illegible] anything of the sort and do not believe that there is anything of the sort. All that is possible in such times, as I believe, is the help of love, the real ministry of prayer, and the counsel and care of the best physicians and nurses.

With the earnest hope that everything may be well, and that God may greatly bless you and Mrs. Brown and fulfil all your best hopes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer.
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March 30th, 1908.

Mr. Lester G. Chapin,

436 Putnam Avenue,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Chapin:-

I can appreciate the perplexity in which you are as to the best course to pursue in preparation [illegible]. I should be glad to be of any help to you that I could. Monday is the day of our Board meeting, but I could take a few minutes in the morning if you think I could be of help to you.

Whether it would be wise for you to go on and follow your course in architecture, and then start in on a different course, I should think might depend somewhat on your age, and on just what [illegible] present course; and also upon whether there is any possibility of [illegible] in the way of your ultimately entering upon missionary work abroad. There are other elements that enter in, also, I think, especially the [illegible] which lead you to take your present course. If you [illegible] pose of doing the will of God in the world and after proper search for guidance, I should be slow to abandon it for some other form of preparation. On the other hand, if itwas not chosen in any such [illegible] too old to change to a different course, and [illegible] you wish to give your life to something else than architecture, [illegible] to consider now the whole question of your preparation and [illegible] changes.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

March 31st, 1905.

Professor John Meigs,

Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

My dear Professor:--

I have a note from Mr. Hopkins with referance to the meeting on the evening of April 7th, and also speaking of the character of the Sunday afternoon meeting on April 8th. He is under the impression that I am to be at the Hill that Sunday. I have written to him that Mr. Stone and I had exchanged dates at the Hill, so that he would be in Pottstown on the 8th and I would be there on the 15th. Please do not take the trouble to reply to this, but I thought I had better write regarding it in case I had not written before. Mrs. John, I think, said that this exchange would be all right, and it enables Mr. Stone to be in his own church on Easter Day, which, of course, is a desirable thing.

Very affectionately yours,

[illegible]

March 30th, 1906.

C. L. Wise & Co.,

35 Cedar Street,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your note of the 29th, I would say that my house in Englewood is about three or four hundred feet from the nearest other house.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

March 30th, 1906.

The Rev. Frederick J. Sauber, D. D.,

106 Waverley Avenue,

Syracuse, N. Y.

My Dear Dr. Sauber:-

Your kind note of March 28th is just received. I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Address.

I heard day before yesterday from Belleforte, of the choice of Mr. Platt's as pastor. I do not remember having met him, but I trust he may be just the right man for the church.

With kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

[illegible]

March 31, 1906.

Mr. F. D. Hopkins,

Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Hopkins:--

Your kind note of the 27th has been received. Mr. Stone of Baltimore and I have exchanged dates at the Hill, so that he will be there for Sunday, April 8th, while I will be there for Easter Sunday, April 15th. It will not be possible, accordingly, for me to be present at the meeting on the evening of April 7th, and I think you had better write to Mr. Stone, if he is to speak for you on the afternoon of April 8th, telling him of the character of the meeting.

Very cordially yours,

March 31st, 1906.

Mr. Walter S. Douglas,

15th and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Douglas:--

I am sorry to learn from Mr. Gara that you have met with an accident, and I trust that it has not been serious, and that you have already recovered from its effects.

With reference to your kind note of the 20th, I would say that I think I can come to Philadelphia for the proposed celebration on Sunday, December 2nd. If you have any instructions about the service you want me to render, I shall be glad to receive it at any time before coming.

Very cordially yours,

March 31st, 1906.

The Rev. H. G. Buehler,

Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Mr. Buehler:--

Your kind letter of the 26th with its enclosed check was duly received. I am very much obliged to you for your kindness, and enclose herewith our Treasurer's acknowledgement of the contribution for the work in Urumia.

It was a great pleasure to be with you and Mrs. Buehler again. With warmest regards, I am

Very affectionately yours,

March 31st, 1906.

President J. G. Schurman,

Ithaca, New York.

Dear President Schurman:--

I shall be very glad to accept your kind invitation to preach at Cornell on Sunday, November 25th.

Very sincerely yours,

March 31st, 1906.

The Rev. F. S. Hatch,

Newton, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Hatch:--

Your kind letter of March 28th is received. I shall be delighted to preach the Baccalaureate sermon to Professor Jewett's young ladies on the afternoon of May 27th. Any service that I can render in any way while in Newton that Sunday, I shall be only too happy to render.

Very cordially yours,

March 31st, 1906.

The Rev. Alfred E. Myers,

1 West 29th St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Myers:--

May is our General Assembly month, as you know, and some of us always have to be in attendance at Assembly. I have not been expecting to go this year, however, and have ventured to make appointments for the month; but, as I look over my engagement book, I find, with the exception of the last week, I have made about as many appointments as I ought. I am afraid I cannot have the pleasure of accepting your kind invitation to speak at the spring meeting of the Brotherhood.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

March 30th, 1906.

The Rev. A. H. Plumb, D. D.,

58 Townsend Avenue,

Boston, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Plumb:-

Your good note of March 28th was received to-day. I ought to have answered long ago your good letter from Clifton Springs, but it came just before I went down to the Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville, and everything has been congested since coming back. I have very much pleasure in sending you by this mail, ten copies of the leaflet on Dr. Cochran, and am sending also ten copies to Mrs. Cooke. I shall be glad to furnish you with additional copies if you wish.

Thank you very much for the poem and for Professor McDonald's note regarding it. I am putting it with the other material, which is accumulating in the most encouraging way.

Thank you very much indeed for your cordial word about the address before the New England Evangelistic Association. It did not altogether please the Outlook but that does not altogether displease me. I venture to enclose a little tract of the Religious Tract Society, which may be of interest to you.

It is always good to think about you, and I appreciated very much your cordial sympathy and goodwill.

Your sincere friend,

April 3rd, 1906.

The Rev. H. P. Beach,

3 West 29th St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Beach:--

I return herewith the address on "The Inadequacy of the Non-Christian Religions", which I have revised. I am not sure that all my indications will be clear, and if you have any duplicate [illegible] of this sketch off, and would care to have me look them over again, I should be glad to do so. If you do this, could you have one sent to me, or else an extra copy of the galley proof which I could revise or correct for our Board of Publication, which, as I wrote you or Turner, wishes to get out the address as a pamphlet.

Very cordially yours,

April 4th, 1906.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull, Secretary,

1051 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:-

I am sorry that other engagements will make it impossible for me to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Sunday School Times Company, on April 17th.

Very truly yours,

April 4th, 1906.

The Rev. C. C. Creegan, D. D.,

287 Fourth Avenue,

New York City.

My Dear Dr. Creegan:-

I was glad to be present at the meeting of the Foreign Missions Industrial Association in your office yesterday, although it is evident that I am not a member of the Association, not having fulfilled the conditions of membership specified in the By-Laws; but I have been a member of the Advisory Committee, and presume that my presence at the meeting was warrantable in that capacity.

Whatever judgment the Board of Directors of the Association may reach, as to the wise course for them, as the legally responsible parties, to pursue, I am still of the opinion that it would be well for the Association as created by the By-Laws to be dissolved, and the Advisory Board to be disbanded. Whether this is done or not, however, I desire herewith to resign from the Advisory Board, believing that it is unprofitable for the Board to be continued.

Very sincerely yours,

April 3rd, 1906.

The Rev. James A. Worden, D. D.,

Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Dr. Worden:--

Perhaps the following questions would do for the examination on the lessons on Christian service in winning souls.

1 - What Scripture ground is there for regarding work for individuals as the supreme method of winning souls?
2 - State and answer the reasons given by some Christians for not doing personal work.
3 - How did Jesus use the Bible in dealing with souls?
4 - How should we use the Bible in individual work?
5 - How shall we advise doubters in order to help them out of their doubts?
6 - State five reasons for believing in the deity of Jesus Christ which might be of help to one in doubt.
7 - Why should people be urged to join the Church?
8 - What is the New Testament idea of the Church?

Very cordially yours,

April 3rd, 1906

Mr. W. R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:--

I return herewith the list of books which you sent, having checked some which Emma and I would be glad to review. I have quite a number that I should like to write up soon for you.

Very affectionately yours,

April 4th, 1906.

Mr. Angus C. Cameron,

University of Toronto,

Toronto, Canada.

My Dear Mr. Cameron:-

Your kind letter of March 30th has been received. I am sorry it will not be possible for me to come to Toronto for a series of meetings next fall. I shall probably have to go to the Pacific Coast in October, and have already a number of engagements for my Sundays in November, and cannot possibly hope to get away for week days during that month.

I am glad to hear of the good influences of the Nashville Convention.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss A. Flocton,

American Missionary Ass'n,

287 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Miss Flocton:--

I am glad to answer your kind note of March 28th. I think the only ap-pointments to speak which I have here in [illegible] York before [illegible] Woman's Mission-ary Meeting, Room 324, 156 Fifth Ave., April 4th at 11 A. M.; the Young Women's Chris-tian Association on 15th St. at 12.30, April 10th, and the Secretarial Conference of the Young Women's Christian Association on the evening of April 12th at 541 Lexington Avenue.

Very sincerely yours,

April 4th, 1906.

Mr. Herbert Caskey,

Fifteenth & Chestnut Streets,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Caskey:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received. I am not sure that I can answer definitelu now as to whether it will be possible for me to come to your church in Germantown the morning of December seond. I may have to be at the University that morning, but if not, I have already promised Dr. Dana and Dr. Trumbull Lee, that the first free hours I have on a Sunday in Philadelphia, I will give to them, so that I am afraid that by the time these three prior engagements are filled, in addition to the Association engagement, there will be little time left. If, however, any of them fail, I shall be glad to arrange to come to your church in Germantown.

With kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

April 3, 1906.

The Rev. H. M. Curtis, D. D.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Curtis:--

We have received a letter from Dr. Rainey of Madisonville, enclosing your note to him with reference to Dr. Yoseph. I send herewith a copy of of my reply to Mr. Rainey. It is evident that the money which they had planned to give to Dr. Yoseph was simply a diversion from their regular missionary contribution. I hope that it may not be necessary for Dr. Yoseph to make any general appeal through the churches for the necessary money, but that a few friends may be able to supplement what your church has generously provided. We have never encouraged any general church appeals in these cases, knowling well that they result in just such diversions as this in Madisonville, but have always advised that such funds be raised by personal contributions from a few individuals.

How much does the fund now amount to?

I see that our West Persia Mission expects Dr. Yoseph to begin his work under salary from them this fall, so that all that he will need will be his travelling expenses and outfit, and the expense of obtaining the diploma in Constantinople, which I see they now reckon at about $90. There is a wide difference of opinion on this point, however, some holding that the diploma will cost nothing except the expense of delay and board in Constantinople. I hope it may be safe, however, to assume that no more will be needed

April 4th, 1906.

Miss Page,

Brown Memorial Manse,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Miss Page:-

Mr. Stone asked me to send you Text, Scripture, Hymns, etc. if I had decided upon them, but that if I had not done so, it would not make any difference. I am sorry to say that I have not decided; and while I might do so now, I might want to change my mind before Sunday, so that if it is just as convenient for you, I think I shall not decide yet upon the Scripture and theme, etc.

Very cordially yours,

than this amount which they now estimate. On this basis, accordingly, five or six hundred dollars ought, with economy, to suffice, although he would feel easier with a little more.

Very cordially yours,

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April 3rd, 1906.

The Rev. Ozara S. Davis, D. D.,

New Britain, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Davis:--

I am very much obliged to you for your kindness in sending me the little book regarding Mr. Rogers. I did not know him well at all, but he had just come to live in Englewood, not very far from me, a little time before his death. I had heard of him especially from Dr. Stevenson, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church here, who said he was one of the finest young men in his church. I have already looked over the little Memorial and shall read it every word. I am very thankful to you for your kindness in sending it. I did not know that it had been published.

Regarding Shimmon Gewergis, Mr. Shedd writes:

"As to my own pupil, Shimmon Gewergis, his father is one of our oldest preachers and Shimmon took the training course with me. He is a good fellow but not very bright. I cannot think that he could be helped by a theological course in an American Seminary, or that he will ever take a high rank as a scholar or preacher. I do hope that he may come out as a preacher to go where he is needed and to do work such as his father did for many years. Perhaps a course in a Bible training school might do him good, but he ought to be discouraged from any idea of being a "high class" man, so far as his salary is concerned. I can speak pretty ~~xxxx~~ positively as to Shimmon for I have taught him. He already has the training that our pastors have, except a few highly educated ones."

Any judgment of Mr. Shedd's can be accepted as entirely reliable.

You will be interested to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Beattie have left Yonkers and gone to Indian Territory

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where they have engaged in Home Mission work.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

I have read the memorial with joy. It was a rare life. What a ground for confidence and hope such a character is! It makes one better and more of God and goodness to read [illegible]

April 3, 19[illegible].

Miss Dora Magdalene [illegible],

John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore,

Maryland.

My dear Miss [illegible]:—

I am sorry to have to say that I do not see any opportunity of getting to the hospital when I am in Baltimore on the 8th. As I wrote you, I shall not get down Saturday evening in time for a meeting, and Mr. Stone has already arranged three meetings for Sunday.

Trusting that Christ may make use of those of his followers in the hospital who love Him and would do His will to reach others who are indifferent to Him, I am

Very cordially yours,

April 3rd, 1906.

Miss M. L. Laws,

West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.

My dear Miss Laws:--

At the meeting of the Board yesterday it was voted not to interpose any objection to Pierce's return to Brazil this week, in view of the following certificates from Dr. Bovaird and Dr. Bulkley. Dr. Bovaird wrote:

"I have examined Chamberlain carefully. His physical condition is fair, and all things considered, I would advise his being permitted to return as soon as convenient. He is to see Dr. Bulkley after leaving me, and the latter may find something in the facial condition to require delay, but I think not."

Dr. Bulkley wrote:

"Your letter came to hand yesterday, and I waited another day until I could see Mr. Chamberlain. I was greatly pleased this morning to see how excellent the results were of the last radical treatment, of scraping out a good part of the surface, perfectly. I do not think he will have any recurrence of the trouble, and see no reason at all why he could not go back to his work, as I have also told him."

In view of these judgments the Board did not feel that it could take the responsibility of saying positively, no.

I hope that the issue may prove that this has been a wise judgment.

Very cordially and sympathetically yours,

April 3, 1906.

The Rev. N. McConaughy,

879 East 169th St., New York City.

My dear Mr. McConaughy:--

If Thodore Mar Yosip is not going to Turkey but to Persia, he will not need as much as we had calculated upon as necessary in the mountains, in which estimate a considerable sum was allowed for the expense for the medical diploma at Constantinople which he would not now need. He has ample funds in hand accordingly, and I judge he could get out without further delay. We have received $43.50 for him, which I shall be glad to remit to you to add to the funds in your hands as soon as his sailing has been arranged for.

What is the total amount now available for him?

Very sincerely yours,

April 3, 1906.

Mrs. Thomas B. Kerr,

Englewood, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Kerr:--

The Rev. James B. Rodgers of the Philippines would, I think, be as good a speaker as could be got for the meeting on April 19th. I am not sure, however, whether he is available but I am writing to him to inquire, and if he cannot come we shall be glad to try to get someone else.

Very cordially yours,

April 3, 1906.

President John W. Hanshaw,

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

My dear President Hanshaw:--

Your kind note of March 9th, with reference to Dr. Bliss of the Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, has been received. Dr. Bliss has already been appointed a missionary of our Board, and was assigned to a most interesting work in the mountains of Kurdistan. We are considering with him, however, the possibility of his transfer to Western Africa, where he thinks there might possibly be conditions more favorable to the development of hospital work than would be found in the other field.

I remember very well the meeting at Herkimer some years ago and am glad to know of your new field of work.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

April 3rd, 1906.

The Rev. James B. Rodgers, D. D.,
98 State St., Utica, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Rodgers:--

Mrs. Thomas B. Kerr of Englewood is anxious to have a speaker for an evening meeting on April 19th. You say in your letter that Mrs. Rodgers has an appointment then, but that your last engagement is for the 18th. Could you give the 19th to the meeting for which Mrs. Kerr is seeking a speaker?

Very cordially yours,

April 3rd, 1906.

The Rev. James B.Rodgers, D. D.,
98 State St., Utica, New York.

My dear Dr. Rodgers:--

Mrs. Speer is very grateful to Mrs. Rodgers for her readiness to speak at the meeting in Englewood on April 16th, regarding which Miss Dickie wrote to you.

With warm regard,

Very sincerely yours,

April 3, 1906.

Mr. James R. Hewett,

Coytesville, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:--

Your kind note with reference to the meeting which Mr. Ferguson is to address has been received. I am sorry that I shall not be able to come to the meeting, but I have spoken to Mr. Dulles, the Superintendent of our Sunday School regarding it. I think, however, that he had already heard from you regarding it. I trust you may have a good and useful meeting.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

April 3, 1906.

Professor A. Yohanan,

Columbia University, New York City.

My dear Professor Yohanan:--

I have a letter asking for all the information we have regarding the famine conditions in Urumia and should like to send copies of the two letters which I loaned you. Could you send them back to me so that I could furnish the information to the inquirer who has written, and who will, I think, send some help to Urumia.

Very cordially yours,

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April 5th, 1906.

The Rev. William Hoge Marquess, D.D.,

105 E. Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky.

My dear Dr. Marquess:--

Your very kind letter of March 15th was received some days ago. I appreciate deeply your kind references to my address in Nashville. Our Board of Publication in Philadelphia has proposed issuing it as a little pamphlet, and I have revised the copy for the Report of the Convention and also for the use of the Board. Dr. Holmes of the Westminster, I think, expects to print it, in part at least, in his paper.

I venture to enclose a copy of an address which has not entirely met the approval of the Outlook, and which you may be interested to see.

With warm regard,

Very sincerely yours,

April 4th, 1906.

Dumont Clarke, Jr.,

Princeton, New Jersey.

My Dear Dumont:-

Your kind notes of March 16th and 28th were duly received, the former with the check covering my travelling expenses to the last Philadelphian meeting at which I spoke.

I rather like the idea of an annual banquet by the Philadelphian Society. My only fear would be that it might draw lines that would not be helpful, either between those who were admissible and those who were not, and between those of the Society who could afford to go, and those who might not feel able to meet even a small charge. Still, I should be willing to take the judgment of the fellows themselves on these points. I do not know that I would call it an annual banquet in starting it, if you decide to do so. I should think it would be well to have one and see how it works. If it succeeds, you could have it again. But if you start off by calling it an annual affair, and find out you could not continue it, it would be something of a fall down.

Very cordially yours,

April 5th, 1906.

The Rev. C. H. Robinson,
19 Delahay Street,
Westminster, S. W.,
London, England.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind note of March 26th was received yesterday. I know "The East and West" very well, and look for its coming from time to time with great interest. I shall be very glad some time to send you an article for it, although I cannot now mention the subject or promise any definite time at which the article will be sent.

I rejoice in the success of the magazine, and trust both that its circulation may increase, and that its influence may steadily enlarge.

Very sincerely yours,

April 5th, 1906.

The Rev. Arthur J. Smith,
Richmond Hill,
Long Island.

My Dear Mr. Smith:-

Your kind, with its accompanying little book, has been received. I am sorry that I have not had time to read the little book, and this is our busy season, so that I di not know when I shall have time. I trust it may have a useful mission.

Very cordially yours,

April 5th, 1906.

The Rev. James Ross, D. D.,

London, Ontario, Canada.

My Dear Dr. Ross:-

Your very kind letter of the second has been received. I wish I could hope to accept your cordial invitation for next February 17th, but it will not be possible for me to do so. Our Board will have a meeting on Monday, February 18th, at which I shall have to be present, and I shall almost certainly have some engagement among our own churches or institutions here which would make it impossible for me to get away. I should rejoice to come if I could.

Very cordially yours,

April fifth, 1906.

Mr. H. Dudley Lynch,

826 South Nineteenth Street,

Newark, N. J.

Dear Mr. Lynch:-

I received yesterday in Orange, your letter with its enclosures. I will say, frankly, that they do not approve themselves to me; and I do not feel that, with my present knowledge, I can give to your fund, or commend it to others.

Very truly yours,

April 7th, 1906.

Captain J. Wheeler Aspell,
314 Greenwich Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I should be very glad if you could send me word as to the address of Mr. John M. Holmes, who has been for some time in your employ; and I should be grateful if you could tell me anything of his service with you. My office called up your office to-day, to ask for Mr. Holmes's address, and the answer was that you did not know at the present time where he could be found, and that if I should come down you would be glad to tell me regarding his connection with you. I shall be glad to do this if necessary, for I am interested in him, but would appreciate if, if to save time, you could give me the information in a letter, or call me up over the telephone. My telephone number is 822 Gramercy.

Very truly yours,

April 9th, 1906.

Mr. Joseph E. Peirson,
Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:--

I appreciate very highly your cordial invitation in behalf of the Berkshire Congregational Club, but I expect to be in Ashville, North Carolina, on June 17th and 18th, and I am sorry to have to say that there is no other day, either in May or June, when it would be possible for me to come.

Very sincerely yours,

April ninth, 1906.

Dr. Herbert Baright,
541 Lexington Avenue,
New York City.

My Dear Dr. Baright:-

I have of course no objection at all to your printing the Boston address to which you refer, and I suppose that Mr. Safford will have none.

As to the articles you suggest for Daily Bible for the coming year, I cannot positively promise to write them, but I shall be glad to keep them in mind, and if I get both the time and the "Concern," as the Friends would say, to write any one or all of them, I shall be glad to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

April ninth, 1906.

The Rev. Andrew N. Hagerty,

Carlisle, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Hagerty:-

I shall hope to come over to Carlisle on Wednesday, on the train leaving New York at 8-55 in the morning, and reaching Carlisle at four o'clock in the afternoon. I shall be very glad to speak to the students in the afternoon, as well as at the meeting of the Presbytery in the evening. I shall have to leave Carlisle on the night sleeper for New York. Will you kindly reserve me a lower berth, if it will not inconvenience you too much?

I thank you and Mrs. Hagerty very much for your kind invitation to be your guest while in Carlisle.

Very cordially yours,

April 9th, 1906.

Mr. E. R. Burke,

Beloit, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:--

I wish I could accept your kind invitation for June 17, but I have to be in Ashville, N. C. for that Sunday.

Very sincerely yours,

April 9th, 1905.

Mr. L. P. Farmer,

Room 106, 143 Liberty St., New York City.

Dear Sir:--

I enclose herewith the cover of a thousand mile refund ticket, Form M., No. 586814. Will you kindly send check to my address here?

Very truly yours,

April 9th, 1906.

The Rev. C. G. Hazard,

Catskill, New York.

My dear Mr. Hazard:--

Your kind note of April 6th has been received. I am sorry it will not be possible for me to come to the meeting on the evening of April 26th, as I have promised to speak in Harrisburg, Penn. that evening.

Very cordially yours,

April 9th, 1906.

Mr. W. S. Herron,

57 N. 6 St., Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:--

I am very much obliged for your kind note with reference to the article in the Record of Christian Work. I was trying to state matters as temperately as possible and see how strong the case could be made, keeping well within the bounds of what it would be legitimate to say. I trust the full report, whichwill appear in the Report Volume of the Convention, may not say anything more than the truth.

Very cordially yours,

April 9th, 1906.

Miss Frances E. Thompson
Dobbs Ferry, New York.

My dear Miss Thompson:--

I am very much obliged to you for your kind note, and Miss Masters for the generous check enclosed in your letter of April 4th.

With kind regards,

Your sincere friend,

April 9th, 1906.

Mr. Horace W. Springer,
Liberty Road, Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mr. Springer:--

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to have the pleasure of speaking at the High School on either May 4th or the 11th. I shall be glad to come if I could, but it will not be possible for me now to do so.

Very cordially yours,

April 9th, 1906.

Miss Margaret Miller,

38 Washington Road, Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Miss Miller:--

Your very kind letter of April 5th has been received. I am not sure that I shall be able to do what you suggest, but I shall continue to use whatever influence I have and take advantage of whatever opportunities present themselves in behalf of religious teaching in the public schools. I believe that the Bible should be read in the public schools, and I believe also that there is a common body of Christian teaching that should be presented there. I do not believe in yielding to the Jews or the secularists in the exclusion of religion. This country is a Christian country. It has been so declared by the United States Supreme Court. We have a right and a duty to teach the Christian religion in the public schools; and I will say this when I can, but I cannot promise to write the articles.

Very cordially yours,

April 9th, 1906.

Mrs. J. H. Prentice,

46 Maple St., Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Prentice:--

Your very kind note of April 7th with its enclosed check has been received. I appreciate very much your kindness, but I must ask you to let me return the check. I was at no expense in coming to speak at the meeting and am grateful for the privilege. I should very much prefer that you would add the amount of the check to your Society's Missionary contributions.

Very cordially yours,

(enclosure)

April 10th, 1906.

Professor S. R. Winans,

Princeton, New Jersey.

My Dear Professor Winans:-

I have heard from Detroit that a tutor has been found for the young man of whom I wrote. I have, however, a request from Mrs. Robert Stuart, of St. Louis, for a tutor for her son. My last letter from her is from Muchen, but she was expecting to arrive in New York on April 17th, and will be at the Prince George Hotel, on East 28th Street. I shall write to her regarding Mr. Barnes, so that if she wishes to take the matter up with him, she can communicate with him directly when she is in the city.

Very sincerely yours,

April 10th, 1906.

Mr. Charles Emerson Hovey,

United States Naval Academy,

Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Hovey:--

Your kind invitation of March 30th has been received. I wish I could accept it, but I have engagements for every Sunday in April and May, and, indeed, to the end of July. I have long wanted to go down to visit the Academy, and trust that some time in the future it may be possible to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

April 10th, 1906.

Mr. E. M. Mowry,

Wooster, Ohio.

My Dear Mr. Mowry:-

I am very sorry it was not possible for me to answer your letter in time for the special edition of your college paper. I should have been glad to have sent you something for it if it had been possible.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 9th, 1906.

Mr. Fayette B. Dow,

Haverford, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Dow:--

I was glad to get your note telling of your acceptance of the appointment with Mr. Baker's boys. I had been spending the night before your note came with the Bakers, and they told me that matters had been settled. I trust that you may be well satisfied with the summer.

With kind regards,

Your sincere friend,

[illegible]

April 10th, 1906.

Mrs. Robert Stuart,

Prince George Hotel,

East 28th Street, N. Y. City.

My Dear Mrs. Stuart:-

It was a pleasure to receive last week your letter of March 26th. Dr. Stanley came in shortly after, and told me he had also heard from you. I have not heard of any young doctor who would be available, but I was inquiring recently regarding a tutor for a boy in Detroit, and received a letter from Professor S. R. Winans of Princeton, New Jersey, regarding a young man there, of whom you might be interested to know. Professor Winans wrote:

"If the place is still open, I think we have an admirable man who would consider it, while desiring, of course, to have more details.

Kenneth B. Barnes, son of a Presbyterian minister, born 1885, young, but manly in bearing and nature; sunny in temperament, one of our high-class scholars. Being young, a chance to read, to travel, etc. attracts him. He plays the usual games, ball, tennis, etc. A bright, wholesome, attractive fellow; graduates in June.

Barnes is quite certain to get a good teaching place, but the possibilities of some foreign travel might induce him to try such a tutorship."

This sounds very good to me. I have written to Professor Winans that a tutor has been found for the boy in Detroit, but that you were writing regarding one, and that you would be in New York on the 18th, and that you might like to look into his testimonials while you were here.

If I hear of any medical student who might be available I shall let you know.

Very cordially yours,

Robert Gifford

April10th, 1906.

Miss Jean Matzer,

Hillman, King County,

Washington.

My Dear Jean:-

I was very glad to get your good letter of March ninth, with the enclosed copy of your Uncle's most interesting letter of June 14th. He has indeed lived a strong and useful life, and I think you may well rejoice as he draws near his close.

We are so glad to hear about you and your work, and trust that when you have finished your course, just the opportunities of employment may present themselves that you would like to accept.

Mr. Luce is here now from China, and it is a great pleasure to see him and to hear from him a great deal about the work. He is of course deeply interested in the needs of the college, and I hope he may be able to find friends here who will give it the help that it ought to have.

I enclose a little tract published by the Religious Tract Society of London, in which you may be interested. I know it expresses your own conviction, and I hope that God is blessing your constant efforts to reach others, and to win them to the service of the Saviour. I hope your own health is good, and that you are not overtaxing your strength.

With kind regards from Mrs. Speer and myself, I am,

Your sincere friend,

April 11th, 1906.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,

Brown Memorial Manse, Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:--

When I got home yesterday I found your good characteristic letter awaiting me. It was just like you to take the time out of your busy Sunday to write. I had hoped to get in a little writing in Baltimore, but I went right after the morning service with Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey to dine with them and did not get back to the Manse until supper time and left on the mid-night train for New York. It was very good to be in your home and in your church. How beautiful the church is since the enlargement and with the new windows! I very much enjoyed the day, not alone in your pulpit, but also with Mrs. Stone and the children.

I do not know when we will be able to go up to Diamond Pond this summer. My plans are still indefinite. I wish I could get up with you and Charley Erdman, but I shall hope to be along later, and we shall have some good trips in the woods.

You will surely be up here some time before you go. Do not fail to stop in for lunch, or, if you have the night, to come out to Englewood.

With warmest love,

Your affectionate friend,

Robert E. Speer

April 11th, 1906.

Miss Lillian T. McCarthy,

113 North St., Auburn, New York.

My dear Miss McCarthy:--

Your very kind letter of March 30 has been received. I should like very much to visit the George Junior Republic some time. It is the sort of work that I am especially interested in, and although I have heard and read much about the Republic at Freeville I have never been there.

I should be delighted to come up some Sunday, if only there were a prospect of my having one on which I could come. As it is now, I have engagements for every Sunday until the end of July, and my plans are too uncertain after that to make it possible to say anything definite with reference to the Sundays of August and September. But if I find later that I shall have a Sunday free in either of those months in which I could come, I shall let you know. Please do not let this interfere, however, with your making any other plans which ought to be made for the Sundays of the summer.

Very sincerely yours,

[signature]

April 11th, 1906.

Mrs. James A. Beaver,

Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mrs. Beaver:--

I ought to have written long ago about my Bellefonte visit in reply to your kind note. I have written to General several times about various things, and have wanted to thank him more times than I have done for that history of his regiment.

I hope that some more of the money needed has come in, and I wish I knew of some way in which to bring in the full amount. I have not seen Miss Gould, however, since I was in Bellefonte, and I should be a little hesitant about asking her for money for anything. I think I have never done so.

After coming back from Bellefonte I sent a copy of Hugh's life to young Mr. Rockefeller. I had been speaking at his Bible class, and I sent the Life in reply to a very cordial letter from him. I do not know whether he has ever read it, but if he has not I know he will be interested in his life and influence. But I have never asked him for money either, and do not like to do so.

It seems to me the longest time since I have seen either Gilbert or Ann. I am afraid that if they are going out to Bellefonte to live for so many months we shall see less of them than ever, and I am so sorry that there is no prospect of having them up in camp this summer.

With a great deal of love to you and [illegible]

Very affectionately yours,

April 11th, 1908.

Mr. Max Wood Moorhead,

143 West 7th St., Erie, Penn.

My dear Max:--

I have not intended to be so long in acknowledging your kind letter of January 26th. I need not say that I disapprove and deplore Huxley's attitude toward Christianity, but it never occurred to me that if a man was wrong in one point and right in another, his error should prevent us from acknowledging his truth. I have read the life and letters of Huxley with great interest, and I think they reveal the weakness of the man, but they also reveal many points of strength. If there were many things in his life and in his views which are sad and terrible to us, there were many things also very noble and stimulating, and it seemed to me unjust to condemn a man for his faults without recognizing his real virtues, and whatever real assertions of truth he may have made.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert Elliott

April 12th, 1906.

Mr. S. M. Clement,

Marine National Bank, Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Clement:--

Your good letter of yesterday is just received. Dr. Holmes wrote some time ago telling of your absence from the country. I hope you had a good and restful trip.

If you have not already sent the cabinet photograph, please do not trouble to do so as we have succeeded in getting a plate from the large photograph you presented to the Board without damaging that photograph at all.

Thank you very much for the note from Mrs' Ponafidine. In case I have any copies of it made I will be sure to send you one. I should think there would be no objection to the use of the letter of sympathy which she received from one of the Arch Bishop of Canterbury's missionaries. A great deal of good material has been accumulated. Will Shedd has sent me a number of splendid letters about the Doctor. I have written several times for the paper which was read at the last meeting of the Mission, but it has not yet come.

With cordial regard,

Very truly yours,

Kent E. Roberts

April 10th, 1906.

Mr. S. Earl Taylor,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Earl:--

I am interested to learn of the proposed tour which you and Vickrey are to make, and shall be glad to be among those who will remember you in prayer, and who will be interested to see reports of your tour.

Very cordially yours,

Robert F. Coyle.

April [illegible], 1908.

Mr. Clement H. Cochran,

The Washburn-Crosby Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Clement:--

Your kind notes of March 22 and April 3 have both been received with the enclosures, and I thank you heartily for them, and shall look forward with expectation to the chronological statement which you have promised to send.

I have heard of the safe arrival of Mrs. Cochran and the boys at Batoum where they came with Mr. Wilson and Miss Holliday who were on their way to Cairo to the Conference on Mohammedan missionary work to be held there. Mr. McConaughy, Mrs. Cochran's father, writes that they are expecting to spend some weeks with your aunt in Constantinople. I think they were expecting to stop at various other points in Europe also before coming home.

I received several days ago from Dr. Vanneman the papers in proof of your father's death, and forwarded them, as in accordance with instructions, to the Equitable Life Insurance Society. I have received the following letter from W. E. Johnson, Mortuary Registrar.

"In reply to your letter of the 27th inst., with enclosures, relative to alleged claims under policies Nos. 411,513 and 416,526, Joseph P. Cochran, we beg to advise that in order to complete the papers and enable the Society to pay the $3000, found to be due, it will be necessary that a certificate from the court of the appointment of the executor of the assured's will will be furnished to the Society, referring to this letter, accompanied by the policies themselves. In this connection we wish to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Clement H. Cochran, the assured's son with Washburn-Crosby Co., of Minneapolis, has already informed the Society that he is executor named

Mr. S. H. Cochran, 2.

in the will, which has been probated in Minnesota.

Awaiting the presentation of the policies themselves, accompanied by a certificate of the appointment of the executor before taking further action, we beg to remain, etc.

If you wish me to do anything in connection with the matter will you please let me know.

Very cordially yours,

April 13th, 1906.

My Dear Mrs. Curtis:--

I am very much obliged for your kind invitation to take dinner with you and Mr. Curtis on April 19th. I shall be very glad, indeed, to do so. I have to speak over here at 8 o'clock that evening, so that I shall have to leave in time to reach that appointment.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Peck

I. H.

April 12th, 1906.

Mr. C. V. Vickrey,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Vickrey:--

Your letter of April 6th asks with great ease and complacency more questions than could be answered in a week, if they were answered thoroughly. I can only take a few moments' time to reply.

I. I should think that the object of such a Conference could be

(1) To define the problem.

(2) To gather all experience and suggestion regarding its solution.

(3) To arouse to action.

I think the programme which you have outlined is a very good one. It would be possible to suggest changes, but I do not know that they would improve it especially.

I should think that Dr. Schauffler would be a good man to deal with what you call "the strategic importance of the Sunday School field" on its intensive side. On its extensive side, someone of your Methodist men, or someone from the Episcopal Church, which has succeeded in accomplishing good results, ought to be chosen.

Dr. Rhodes is interested in the subject of the "Missionary Interpretation of the Regular Lessons". Miss Brain would be good on "Bible Illustrations through Mission Study". Miss V. F. Pemrose of Germantown, I think has done some work on "Missionary Programs and Exercises". Mr. W. H. Ridgeway of Coatesville, Penn. is a Sunday School superintendent who has been working at this

[illegible] who has dug out some results. Dr. Lambuth would be a good man to deal with the Cooperation of Lesson Committees and Editors of Missionary Publications. Among other men from our own Church who might well be invited either to open discussions or to participate in them, are: the Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D., Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia; the Rev. E. M. Ferguson, of the New Jersey Sunday School Association; Mr. Philip E. Howard of the Sunday School Times; the Rev. Stanley White; the Rev. E. B. Cobb, D. D. the Rev. J. F. Patterson, D. D.,--- members of our Board: the Rev. Charles E. Bradt, Ph. D., our Central District Secretary, 48 Le Moyne Block, Chicago.

The Rev. Walter Erdman would be a very good man to have present to handle some of the themes, but I am sorry to have to say we are going to lose him from this work, although we have the compensation of knowing that he is going as a missionary to our Korean Mission.

Some years ago there was a Sunday School superintendent in St. Louis who was deeply interested in the mission problem, and he worked out a good many helpful plans. His name is Carl I. Ingerson

Very sincerely yours,

April 12th, 1906.

The Rev. Milton Lewis Beck,

R. F. D. 78, Wyalusing, Penn.

My dear Mr. Lewis:--

Your kind letter of April 6th was received the other day and I should have answered earlier, but I had to be away at the Presbytery of Carlisle. I wish I could come over to the anniversary on June 30th, but I have promised to be in Northfield at the Students' Conference that day. Indeed, I have to leave New York on June 14th and shall not get back until July 2nd from a round of Conventions and Conferences.

I hope that you are very well and that God's Spirit is resting richly upon your churches, as I know it is on you.

With warm regards,

Very affectionately yours,

April 23th, 1906.

The Rev. George Grenville Merrill,

214 Porter Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear George:-

I was delighted to get this morning your note of yesterday. I have to be in Philadelphia on April 24th and Harrisburh on the 25th, but I shall probably be here in my office on the 26th and will be glad as always to see you. I hope that you and Mrs. Merrill are both very well. I wish I could come out and see your parish in Buffalo.

Looking forward with joy to seeing you,

Very affectionately yours,

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April 18, 1906

Mr. T. B. Ashcroft,

Wake Forest, North Carolina,

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:--

I am sorry that I have not anything at hand to send you that would be useful in the preparation of your oration. I would suggest to you some of Phillips Brooks' Sermons. You will find there a great deal that would be useful to you.

Very cordially yours,

April 13th, 1906.

Miss Louise Clark,

Three Rivers, Mich.

My dear Miss Clark:--

I was very much interested in your letter of April 9th just received, and believe with you that there must be some place in Christ's service where your special experience can be put to the fullest use in the most direct forms of spiritual work. I shall take your letter home to-night to show it to Mrs. Speer whose connection with the Young Women's Christian Associations brings to her knowledge some of their special needs for Secretaries, and I may hear of other places such as some of those of which you have thought. If I learn, either through Mrs. Speer or directly of any work that might seem to be the work for you to do, I shall let you know.

Very cordially yours,

April [illegible], 1906

The Rev. David J. Burrell, D. D.,

Fifth Ave. and 29th St., New York City.

My dear Dr. Burrell:--

Your kind note regarding Mrs. Stuart and her son is just received. I knew something of the boy's character from her and a great deal more from the tutor whom he had prior to the one he has with him now. I do not know, as I have written Mrs. Stuart, any young doctor who would be available at the present time, but I have heard of a good man at Princeton, regarding whom Professor Winans has written, and I have sent on his description of the young man to Mrs. Stuart to be waiting for her at her hotel here.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

April [illegible], 1908.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,

Brown Memorial Manse, Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:--

It was a great pleasure to get over at the Hill your note of the 13th, with the little poem, "On The Fence or the Ambulance". I read the poem last night at home to Mrs. Speer and Mr. Coleman and they were greatly pleased with it and wanted copies, which I have made. I return the original herewith.

I had a good day at the Hill, although our hearts were all sorrowful for the sorrow that had come to Professor and Mrs. John through the death of Mrs. John's little nephew, one of the Butler boys in Chicago.

Christine Hammer was with us last night, too, and we had many memories of camp and many anticipations. Christine will not be there this year, however. She and her mother and sister are going abroad.

Please come and see us soon in Englewood. Camp is good, but when people love one another they want to see one another not only now and then for a long time, but many times between times.

Very affectionately yours,

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April [illegible], 1903.

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Very affectionately yours,

April 17th, 1906.

Mr. Henry W. Lambirth,

Betz Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Lambirth:--

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to be present at the meeting of the Presbyterian Social Union on the evening of April 23rd. I am sorry that other arrangements will make it impossible for me to have the pleasure of coming.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

April 17th, 1906.

Professor Jean Charlemagne Bracq,

Poughkeepsie, New York.

My dear Professor Bracq:--

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith for M. Dammergne the copy of the address before the New England Evangelistic Association, to which he refers.

Very cordially yours,

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April 16, 1906.

Miss Susan F. Knapp,
228 East 12th St., City.

My dear Miss Knapp:--

Your kind note inviting Mrs. Speer and me to come to lunch on Friday of this week, and me to speak to the students at the noon meeting, has been received. We should both rejoice to come again, but I do not expect to be in town on Friday, and we cannot, accordingly, accept your cordial invitation.

With kind regards from us both,

Very sincerely yours,

April 17th, 1906.

Mrs. Mary T. Foster,
Clifton Springs, New York.

My dear Mrs. Foster:--

I thank you for your kind notice regarding the meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 12th. I shall hope to be present at that time.

Very cordially yours,

Apr. 17, 1906.

Mrs William Nelson,

Cater[illegible],

My Dear Mrs. Nelson,-

Your very kind note with reference to the Presbyterian meeting in Englewood has been received. It was a great pleasure to be present at the meeting and to be of any service to you.

Very cordially yours,

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Dic. RES/ELM

April 16th, 1906.

[illegible] James,

[illegible] Ave., Brooklyn N. Y.

My dear Mrs. James:--

I am very much obliged for your most impressive pamphlet on "National Obligations", which I read through on the train this morning coming over from Philadelphia.

With warm regards,

Your sincere friend,

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Mr. Andrew Stevenson,
950 First National Bank Bldg?.
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Stevenson,-

Your kind note of April 11 has been received. I do not expect to go to the General Assembly this year. Dr. Brown, Dr. Halsey, and Mr. Day will be our representatives and I will have to stay at home. I have a letter from Mr. Bowman and am writing to him that it will not be possible for me to go.

Very cordially yours,

Dic. RMS/EIM

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Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

Your kind letter of Apr. 14 came yesterday. I wish I could be present at the proposed meeting which I trust you may succeed in holding and I hope especially that you may be able to get President Wilson. As I have written Mr. Stevenson, in reply to a kind note from him, I am not going to the General Assembly this year. Dr. Brown, Dr. Halsey, and Mr. Day will be our representatives and it will be impossible for me to be in Chicago for the [illegible].

Very cordially yours,

[illegible]

My Dear Mr. Merrill,-

It will not be possible for me to speak for your association on any Sunday in May. I have engagements for all of my Sundays until the end of the summer.

Very sincerely yours,

Dic. RES/ELM

Apr. 17, 1906.

Mr. H. W. FRost,

China Inland Mission,

Germantown, Pa.

My Dear Mr. FRost -

Your very kind from Toronto has been received. It was a real delight to be at the PrayerMeeting in the Mission House in Germantown. I was only sorry that you were not there to speak at the meeting yourself. It was not as large a meeting as usual and all felt it would have been larger if those who had been coming before had not known that you were away and that there would not have one of your Bible readings. I am sure that we had the help and strengthening of your prayers.

Thank you very much also for yournote regarding Miss Rowe which I have sent to Mr. Ammerman of the Central Church for his [illegible].

Mr. Coleman was with us last night in Englewood and we had a good eveningtogether.

I hope that you are safely home now. With warm regards,

Yours affectionately,

Dic. RES/ELM

April 9th, 1906.

The Rev. Harlan P. Beach,

3 West 29th St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Beach:--

I return herewith the copies of the Wednesday afternoon and Sunday evening addresses which I have revised.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

(enclosures)

April 17th, 1906.

Mr. F. P. Turner,

3 West 29th St., City.

My dear Turner:--

I shall be glad to try to write the article on "Friendship" for the Junior Collegiate, but there is very little time for any extras these days, so that if I fail you must not be disappointed. All I can say is that I will be glad to try to do it.

Your letter regarding the publication of my address at Nashville as a leaflet of the Student Volunteer Movement has also been received. Will you please write to Dr. Miller of the Board of Publication of our Church who has desired to issue the leaflet I reported to you?

If you get it out, I hope you may get it out so cheaply that the expense will not be an impediment to its use. Dr. Marquis, of Louisville, I think, told me that Campbell White said that they would take 25,000, and Dr. Chester of the Southern Board spoke of their desire for some. If you get it out, what would be the cost per thousand, if we wish to use any?

Mr. Beach promised to let me go over a galley proof before you or anyone else gets the leaflet out in pamphlet form. Will you be able to let me do this?

Very cordially yours,

Apr. 17, 1916.

Dr. [illegible]

[illegible]

My Dear Mr. [illegible]

Your [illegible] received last week and [illegible] your invitation for dinner, but I [illegible] already promised to dine with a friend in Brooklyn. Moreover I have to be at a meeting in the afternoon. I appreciate very much your [illegible] that I should stop in town for the evening also, but I see so little of my family that I try to get home [illegible] in order to have a few minutes with them [illegible]

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Apr. 17, 1916.

Mr. [illegible] D. Axtell,

Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mr. Axtell -

I have not been able to discuss from my Secretary just what you wish me to do on May 8. That is the day immediately following our Board meeting when there is always a great deal of work to clear up, and to be in Princeton at noon would take the whole day away from the office.

I should like very much to witness the unveiling of the tablet, but I hesitate to lose the whole day from the work here.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

April 17th, 1906.

Mr. George Stevens,
Missionary Institute,
Nyack, New York.

My dear Mr. Stevens:--

I have another invitation for the evening of May 4th which I would be glad to accept if I could. That is the evening, however, on which I was to go up to speak for you. I write, accordingly, to ask whether it would be just as convenient for you to have me come for the evening of May 11th. If not that evening, is there any other Friday evening in May which would be convenient?

Very cordially yours,

[illegible]

1732 Clifton Place, Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Miss Dale:--

Your kind note of the 14th, with the enclosed extracts, came yesterday, and I am more than grateful for all the trouble which you have taken. I am rejoiced [illegible] reality of the material which is accumulating, and I do hope and pray that it may be possible to do justice to the character and work, the ability and the Christ-like spirit of Dr. Cochran. It seems to me that the material ought to make possible the best medical missionary biography which we have.

I can appreciate your feeling of disappointment because the extracts do not seem to carry with them the atmosphere which you have felt in reading the letters, but I think I can supply that from my own knowledge of him and the conditions from which the letters were written.

Mr. Clement has sent a good statement which Mrs. Bonafidene has prepared, and Will Shed is forwarding some beautiful character studies regarding the Doctor.

If anything else comes to your thought, I know that you will send it on too.

Very cordially yours,

April 18th., 1906.

Mr. Roger S. Loomis,
Williams College,
Williamstown, Mass.

My Dear Roger,-

Your Father sent me a copy of your poem on John, the Baptist, which I have been reading with greatest interest. I can scarcely say that I am surprised at your production, because I have seen something of your thoughtfulness, and I trust that this and all your other gifts may be richly developed in your college course. I notice that the opening word is "solitude" and the same word begins the seventh line. I hope that you are not having too much solitude in your life but will come our from too much silent meditation to the hearty social life. I know that at Hotchkiss, they felt that there was a little too much reserve, and were anxious that you might break through this for the sake of your larger power and usefulness. I trust that your college course may help you greatly in this direction.

Your sincere friend,

Dic. RES/ELM

April 18th., 1906.

The Rev. Edward Yates Hill, D. D.,

255 South 8th. St., Philadelphia.

My Dear Hill,-

Your very kind note has been received, I should be glad to accept your invitation, but I am not sure that I shall be able to get over to Philadelphia in time for dinner on the evening of the 24th., so that I fear I shall have reluctantly to give up the pleasure of accepting your invitation. I shall expect to be on hand in time for the meeting.

Very cordially yours,

Dic. RES/ELM

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The Rev. S. J. McPherson,

[illegible]

My Dear Dr. [illegible]:-

I shall be in Philadelphia Saturday afternoon, speaking at the meeting of the Woman's Presbyterial Society, and I do not know what train I shall be able to catch for Trenton. But I shall hope to be out some time after dinner in the early part of the evening.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

Dic. RES/ELM

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The Rev. Charles R. [illegible]

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[illegible]

My Dear Charlie,-

Your note of yesterday, [illegible] Nassau's return, just received, [illegible] bring the matter to Dr. Brown's attention at once, and you will hear directly from him.

I spent Sunday, a week ago, in Baltimore with Mrs. Stone. John was away at Gettstown. I wish I could look forward to getting up to camp as early as you and John will be there, but sooner or later, I hope to get up.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer

Dic. RES/ELM

April 18th., 1906.

The Rev. F. F. Ellinwood, D. D.,

Clifton,

North Carolina.

My Dear Dr. Ellinwood,-

We are having our first spring weather now, and I suppose it must be getting very warm down South, and that you will soon be thinking of turning North to Cornwall. You will let us know, will you not, when you plan to come, so that we may meet you and be at any service we can to you, in passing through the city? It will be so good to see you again.

I was delighted to get your letter, a few weeks ago, and read part of it to the Board. My own opinion is still what it was on the subject of your resigning, viz., that it would be preferable that you should not, but should continue in your present position and relationship to the end of your days.

We are meeting, with much interest now, the end of the fiscal year, the close of this month. Mr. Day says, if we receive as much as we received during the same period last year, we ought to come out without more than five or six thousand deficit. We are hoping that we may receive more, and close the year without indebtedness, and do something towards removing the accumulated deficit of the past two years.

Mr. Kennedy has written a long letter to Dr. Dodge, reopening the ground of complaint that the Board did not [illegible] defend him against the anonymous insinuations printed in the Tribune, on a communication from Saratoga giving a meeting of the General Assembly there some years ago. Mr. Hill is

Dr. Ellinwood.

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using his tact and gift of conciliation to the utmost. I do not think I ever read the charges to which Mr. Kennedy refers, but if I did, I have completely forgotten it [illegible] ago. [illegible] interesting side-light on his character, and shows the tenacity of the Scotch disposition, and also the strength of his memory, that he can recall all the details and state the case as vigorously as he does in his letter to Dr. Dodge. He also complains, that in a communication announcing the removal of the mortgage, Mr. Olin and Mr. Hand did not make any mention of him. I hope Dr. Dodge can soothe him.

A good deal could be said on the other side, if anyone wanted to say it. I remember well the discussions in our Board, and I think it is indisputable that the favorable action of the Board was only secured by assurance on the part of Dr. W. C. Roberts, with reference to what Mr. Kennedy was expecting to do, which, however, he never redeemed. I do not think that Mr. Kennedy ever failed to redeem any [illegible] his, but I feel that Dr. Roberts must have interprete too floridly Mr. Kennedy's disposition to help. I hope he may, in the evening of his life, realize the immense power that he holds for good and may use it to the advancement of the mission cause.

Dr. Alexander is off in Egypt now, and I do not know when he will get back. Everything is moving along smoothly in the offices, with the occasional bumps which seem inseparable from a movement in which the Divine Spirit had so much human nature to deal with.

With warmest regards,

Dic. [illegible]

Very affectionately yours,

[illegible] 19[illegible]

[illegible] Henry [illegible], [illegible],

[illegible], Pa.

My Dear Dr. Weston,-

It was a great encouragement and pleasure to receive last month your very kind note with reference to the article in the Sunday School Times. I enjoyed working out the argument, and I am delighted to know that the ~~proofs~~ [illegible] set forth in it met with your approval.

With warm regards,

Very cordially yours,

Dis. [illegible]/[illegible]

April 19th., [illegible]

Miss Marion Hastings Jon s,

Madison Square Church House,

432 Third Avenue,

New York City.

My Dear Miss Jones,-

It was a great pleasure to receive your kind letter of the seventeenth. I remember very well your invitation to Hartford, but [illegible] very much relieved that nothing was done further. I have not been at Hartford Seminary this year, and could not, I think, have gone up for any [illegible] special meeting as you have in mind.

It was a great pleasure to hear from you, and I am more than thankful that anything I may have said has been a help to you.

Very cordially yours,

Dis. [illegible]/[illegible]

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April 19th., 1906.

Mr. [illegible]

119 Macon St.,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Rankin,-

I was glad to get your letter of April 7th, but sorry to hear of the unsatisfactory shape in which Colonel Sheppard's record had appeared. I noticed it was printed in the Missionary Review, but had not had time to read it and compare it with the original.

I hope the Yale Review will publish the papers you sent. If it does, will you let me know the numbers in which it appears, so that I may get them.

I hope that your strength will hold out for all you are hoping to complete.

With kind regards,

Dic. RMS/EIM

Very sincerely yours,

Brooks,

1 Lexington Avenue,

New York City.

My Dear Miss Brooks,-

I think that the following would be a good list of books on comparative religion religion for your study this summer:-

Kellogg's "Handbook of Comparative Religion",

Grant's "Religions of the World in Relation to Christ",

Kellogg's "Light of Asia and Light of the World",

Rhys-David's "Buddhism, being a sketch of the life and teachings of Gautama",

Legge's "Religions of China",

Faber's "Systematical Digest of the Doctrines of Confucius",

Monier-Williams's " Brahmanism and Buddhism",

Bose's "Brahomism",

Mitchell's "Hinduism, Past and Present",

Sell's "Faith of Islam",

Muir's " Life of Mohammed",

Hopkin's "Religions of Indaa",

Douglas's "Confucianism and Taoism".

I enclose copies of the letters about which I spoke to you, from young women, who may be suitable for Secretaries. Miss Orbison is a graduate of Bryn Mawr, and was for a few years one of our missionaries to India. I think very well of her, as far as I know her. The other young women, I know

only by her letter which is a very interesting one,

Very cordially yours,

Dic. RES/ELM

[illegible]

[illegible]

April 19th., 1906.

Mr. E. W. McCorkle,

Nicholasville, Kentucky.

My Dear Mr. McCorkle,-

I suppose the lines to which you refer as quoted by me at Nashville, are the inscription from a stone in Derry Cathredal:-

"Down through our crowded walks and closer air,
O, friend, how beautiful thy footsteps were;
When through the fever's heat at last they trod,
A form was with them like the Son of God;
'Twas but one step for those victorious feet,
From their world's rest into the golden street,
And we who watched their walk, so bright, so brief,
Have marked this marble with our hope and grief."

Very sincerely yours,

Dic. RES/ELM

April 21st, 1906.

Mr. Ralph Leonard,

620 Van Cortlandt Park Ave.,

Yonkers, New York.

My dear Mr. Leonard:--

Your kind note of yesterday has been received. I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation.

Very cordially yours,

April 21st, 1906.

Mr. Horace H. C. Coleman,

Norristown, Pennsylvania.

My dear Horace:--

I enclose herewith a copy of the poem on "The Fence or the Ambulance".

We did so much enjoy your little visit and hope you will come back again very soon.

Very affectionately yours,

April 21, 1906.

Miss Susan T. Knapp,

228 East 12th St., City.

My dear Miss Knapp:--

I wish it were possible to come for the 26th, but Mrs. Speer has other engagements for that day. I could go to speak at the little meeting, however, but if there were any other day when Mrs. Speer and I could come together, of course I should enjoy it even more.

Very cordially yours,

April 24, 1906.

Mr. Rayman T. Fritz,

700 Park Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Fritz:--

I was very glad to receive your letter of April 19th, and shall be happy to see you and have a talk with you before you leave New York. I have to be away for a good part of this week, but I expect to be in New York next week and shall be glad to see you on Monday or Tuesday. I am here in the afternoon until between four and five o'clock.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

April 24, 1906.

Mrs. William I. Adam,

Pittsfield, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Adam:--

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation for June 7th. I should have another engagement for that day. None of my associates will be able to go because they also are engaged, as that is the last day of our Annual Conference with our new missionaries. It may be that we have some good missionary at home on furlough who will be in this neighborhood at that time, however, who will go to the meeting at Pittsfield, and I shall ask my associate, Dr. Haley, who has charge of such arrangements, to let you know whether he can provide such a speaker.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

April 24th, 1906.

Mr. George T. Stephens,
Missionary Institute,
South Nyack, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Stephens:--

Mr. Speer received your letter this morning, and he has asked me to write and say that he will be glad to speak at the missionary meeting Friday evening, May the eleventh, and will take the train reaching South Nyack at 7.17. On returning, he would like very much to catch the train leaving South Nyack at 8.47.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

April 24, 1906.

The Rev. M. F. Thompson,
[illegible],
My dear [illegible]

Your kind note of April 20 is just received, and I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation to be present at the Conference to be held in Stanford next September. I shall either be away from New York at that time, or shall just have returned, and in that case shall be tied down by the work that will have accumulated in my absence.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

April 24, 1906.

The Rev. Cortlandt Z. Butler,

Lakewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Butler:--

[illegible] date of the [illegible] 1906. I [illegible] still [illegible] possible for me to accept your invitation and Mr. Neal's. I have to be here in New York early Friday morning, June 1st, and could not get back in time from Lakewood; and I have also a tentative engagement for the 31st which I should dislike to cancel. I might arrange this, however, if there were any way of getting back from Lakewood in time for my appointment here on the morning of June 1st, but there is none of which I know.

Very cordially yours,

Robert P. Dods

April 24, 1906.

Miss Susan T. Knapp,

228 East 12th St., New York City.

My dear Miss Knapp:—

Your kind note came yesterday, and I delayed answering until I could speak to Mrs. Speer last evening. She very much regrets that she will not be in town next Monday and cannot come in, so that I shall look forward with pleasure to coming on Thursday of this week at half past twelve. I shall be glad to stay to luncheon if I can, but that may not be possible. Perhaps you will be willing to let me leave it open until I come.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer
L.F.

April 23, 1906.

Mrs. Ella N. McKim,

110 S. 3rd St., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

My dear Mrs. McKim:--

Your kind note of April 20th has been received. I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation. I do not expect to go to the General Assembly in Des Moines, but shall be in the offices here at that time while my associates are at the Assembly.

Very sincerely yours,

April 23, 1906.

Mr. G. Lathrop Smith,

1413 Pine St., West Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Smith:--

The address on "The Inadequacy of the Non-Christian Religions" has not been printed any place, so far as I know. I believe that Dr. Holmes intends to print it in The Westminster, a Presbyterian paper published in Philadelphia, and that the Student Volunteer Movement expects to print it as a leaflet, as well as in the Report of the Convention.

Very sincerely yours,

April 23rd, 1906.

Mrs. Alexander,

10 West 54th St., City.

My dear Mrs. Alexander:--

Since writing to you about coming down to Seabright for July 29th, the Young Peoples' Missionary Movement has reminded me that that was the Sunday on which they were counting on my coming to their Annual Conference at Silver Bay, and they unearthed an old memorandum which they thought rather committed me to come. I would very much rather go to Seabright, but I suppose I ought to go to Silver Bay, especially as Dr.Halsey will not be there this summer; so I fear I shall very unwillingly and reluctantly have to give up the pleasure of coming to you as I had hoped. If I can be any help in getting anyone else for you, please let me know.

Very affectionately yours,

[illegible]

April 24t. 1906.

Mr. L. H. Miller,

Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Luke:--

I shall write notes to all the men you men-tion in the classes of '80 to '91, urging them to reply favorably to your request. I am not sure that I identify Wilson,'92, so I shall not write to him.

Dr. McPherson of Lawrenceville spoke in the highest terms on Sunday of Moment and I should think it would be well worth while considering him for Peking.

Very cordially yours,

Letters to:
Mr. L. D. Speir,
Mr. P. A. Rollins,
Dr. Porter R. McMaster,
Mr. R. T. H. Halsey,
The Rev. Putnam Cady,
Dr. Ellis W. Hedges,
The Rev. E. H. Rudd,
Mr. H. H. Welles, Jr.,
Mr. A. M. Hudnut,
are the same.

April 24, 1906.

Mr. R. S. Goldsbury,

290 Broadway, New York City.

My dear Goldsbury:--

Mr. Miller has written to you asking you to act as your class representative in the interests of the Princeton work in Peking. I hope very much that you will be able and willing to accept. After the work is once inaugurated and the list of subscribers is made up we hope the work of the class representatives will not be heavy; and Mr. Miller, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, is of course ready to do anything in his power to relieve you. It is very desirable, however, to have the matter come to the members of each class through some representative in that class who will lend it his support. It would not be possible for any one man to reach all the alumni with anything like the efficiency with which the work can be done by an influential man in each class.

The work which has been blocked out is not an imitative work patterned after the mission work of any other University, but is such a distinct undertaking as President Wilson and Mr. Dodge and others have felt is just the kind of thing to appeal to Princeton men.

Earnestly hoping that you will respond favorably to Mr. Miller's request, I am

Very cordially yours,

April 23rd, 1906.

Mr. Nathan Wilbur Helm,

Exeter, New Hampshire.

My dear Mr. Helm;--

Your kind postal card has just been received. I am sorry I have not answered earlier your letter of March 29th, but indeed there was nothing that I could say. I have not made any engagements for Sundays next year, with, I think, one exception, and I do not know how soon I shall be able to plan out the appointments for the year. I hope you will not defer making your arrangements for the year, with reference to me. If later I find that I could come up for some Sunday I shall be glad to let you know. I should very much rejoice to come, but Exeter is pretty far away for me, in view of the work that has to be done here and which suffers from the loss of time necessitated by engagements at distant points.

Very cordially yours,

[illegible] 24th, 190[illegible].

Mrs. John Meigs,

Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mrs. John:

I enclose a letter from [illegible] Clark. [illegible] suggests that she might be [illegible] the Rescue Work in Philadelphia about which you spoke to me some weeks ago. I enclose also a note from [illegible] [illegible] Bawr, who was in India for a while and who might be available. I do not know whether she would be willing or capable for the work, but you or anyone who might wish to do so might easily arrange to see her, as she is now in Overbrook, as you see. Will you please send me back both of these letters when you have read them?

We were all thinking of you and [illegible] and [illegible] for you on Easter Sunday, and I hope that the peace of God was sufficient for Mrs. Luther under such an overwhelming [illegible].

With much love from Emma and myself,

Your sincere friend,

[illegible]

(enclosure)

Mr. F. M. Oliphant,

Nassau Street,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Oliphant,-

I was very glad to get yesterday your note of the 25th., with enclosure regarding the little prayer circle in Englewood. I think if a few individuals could be interested privately in this way it would be a very good thing, but I think it would precisely frustrate in part the end in view if the matter were made public, even to the extent of the distribution of the printed letter. The number who would join in such a little circle in the way you would desire is not very large, and I think it is better as a rule to draw such a little circle together by personal effort. To print letters and send them out makes it certain that some will fall into the hands of the unsympathetic, and also notifies a community at large that there is a little company praying for the rest of the community, and there are times when such knowledge is a good thing, but there are other times when the ends in view are made very much more difficult by such publicity.

I thought it was wise not to bring up the Hymn Book matter the other evening. There is no need of haste and any change of that sort should be made deliberately.

Very cordially yours,

[illegible]

April 26th, 1906.

Acker, Merrall & Condit,

135 West 42nd Street,

New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

Referring to your letter of April 25th making inquiry regarding Mr. John M. Holmes, I would say that I believe Mr. Holmes to be an energetic, faithful and trustworthy man. I have seen him frequently the last few months, and have been very much pleased with what seemed to me to be the earnest and indefatigable way in which he was seeking to serve his employer.

Very truly yours,

April 26th, 1906.

Professor Ernest D. Burton,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Professor Burton:-

I shall be very glad to write the article you suggest on the question "Should the Educational Distinctions of Christian Lands be Perpetuated on Mission Fields?" I do not believe that they should, and shall be glad to express this conviction and the reasons for it. I shall try to send you the article some time before summer, so that you will have it in hand long before the time you designate.

Very sincerely yours,

April 26th, 1906.

Mr. H. P. Anderson,
3 West 29th Street,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Anderson:-

The enclosed note is from Mr. Mercer, who has succeeded Mr. Hadley is his work in the Water Street Mission. I have never heard him speak, but I have been very much interested in him, and from all I can judge, if God keeps him humble, he will become with increasing experience a very useful and influential man. I think he might perhaps be a good man to go up to Northfield to speak on the City Mission work at some one of the Life-work meetings, as Mr. Hadley has done from time to time.

Fred Smith has heard him speak, I think, and knows about him, and he can tell you of him. I have no doubt that Lougee also knows him. I presume that in Mott's absence these matters are in your hands, and I have told Mr. Mercer that I would send his note up to you.

Very cordially yours,

Robert C. Mason

April 26th, 1906.

Mr. John F. Roberts,

St. Luke's Hospital,

Amsterdam Ave., and 113th Sts.,

New York City.

My Dear Roberts:-

I was very glad to hear from you, and to know both where you are and where you would like to be. I do not know who has charge of the selection of an assistant superintendent, but I imagine that Dr. Fisher knows; so that if you know him and he is satisfied with your qualifications, I should suppose that the matter was practically settled. I hesitate to write to any members of the Board, for the question is one that would really not be settled by the Board, but by some sub-committee or by the Superintendent. If you could find out from Dr. Fisher who is the determining voice in the matter, and would let me know, I should be very glad to be of any help to you that I might be able.

I am writing one or two letters, however, although I do not like to run the chances of appealing to people who are not the responsible ones.

Very cordially yours,

Robert C. Ok

April 26th, 1906.

Mr. E. C. Mercer,

316 Water Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Mercer:-

Your note of April 24th, with reference to the Student Conference at Northfield, has been received. Mr. Hadley has been there from time to time, and has done good work, and there is need from year to year of the of the presentation of the opportunity and need of rescue mission work. Mr. Mott is really the authoritative person in the setting up of the program, and he is at present out of the country. He will not be back until long after the Northfield Conference, at which Dr. Stevenson is to preside this year. In Mr. Mott's absence I suppose that Mr. H. P. Anderson is working out the details of the program, and I shall drop him a note.

Very sincerely yours,

John R. M.

April 26th, 1906.

The Rev. William C. Covert, D. D.,
41st Street Presbyterian Church,
Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Dr. Covert:-

Your kind note of April 26th (no dated) is just received. I know Mr. Barr well. His home and mine were only a few miles apart in Pennsylvania. We were in the same Class in College, and our friendship has been close, sincere and unclouded for more than twenty years. He is a man of active and sincere intellectual life, free of all sham and pretence and imitativeness, of true Christian experience, alert, sympathetic and genuine. Whether his lines of study and experience qualify him especially for the study and teaching of Social Problems and their relation to Christianity, I cannot say, and neither can I say whether he has as fully as you would wish the aggressive qualities of intellect and personality which would make the Department of Homeletics the respected and forceful department which it has been in McCormick, and has not been in some of our other Seminaries. Mr. Barr seems to me in just his right place in the pastorate. Of that I am sure. He might be in his right place in the Chair of which you speak, but of that I am not as sure. But I have told you positively the kind of man I know him to be, and you can judge whether he is the man for the place you wish to fill.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

April 30th, 1906.

Mr. L. P. Farmer,

Room 146,

143 Liberty Street,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith Mileage Ticket No. 533477. Will you kindly send check to me at above address?

Very truly yours,

April 27, 1906

Miss Edna Campbell,

609 Talman St., Syracuse, N. Y.

My dear Miss Campbell:--

It will not be possible for me to go to Ithaca for Friday, November 3rd. I should be getting up to Ithaca at the latest, however, on Saturday evening at 7.50, and should be glad to be of any service that evening if the Convention is still in session then.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 1st, 1906.

The Rev. F. W. Sneed, D. D.,

East Liberty Presbyterian Church,

Pittsburg, Penna.

My Dear Dr. Sneed:-

I got back to New York comfortably yesterday morning, and want to thank you and Mrs. Sneed for your great kindness. It was a real delight to be with you.

I spoke incidentally to you of a letter from Mr. Jansen, in which he made recognition of his gratitude for his connection with the church. I think I ought to report this to you, as you may want to read it to the church. It was as follows:

"As a Station we thank God, you and the Board and donors for making it possible to secure land; we are now considering a splendid piece of land in a fine location, but shall be able in our next to tell you about the purchase definitely. We will, I believe, get it very reasonably. What a noble church is the East Liberty. I tell you their loving sympathy and readiness to take in the problems that arise fairly inspire us. We are proud of being workers in connection with them, and want them to be proud of us also."

With kind regards to Mrs. Sneed and yourself.

Your sincere friend,

Mr. [illegible]

My Dear [illegible] her [illegible] th a copy of [illegible] little poem of [illegible] oke to you at the dinner at the East L[illegible] ch the other evening. It is not v[illegible] y, but very good sense. [illegible] eat pleasure to be at [illegible] the [illegible] eet you.

[illegible] dially yours,

[illegible]

Dio.

April 30th, 1906.

Mr. George B. Clapham,

346 Orange Street,

Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind note with reference to the meeting of the Baraca Union on May ninth, is received. I shall have to come back to New York the same night, and I amy not get to Albany save just in time for the meeting; but if I am there beforehand, I shall be glad to take advantage of your arrangement for entertainment at the New Kenmore.

As for compensation, regarding which you ask, I shall be entirely satisfied if you are able to meet the railroad expenses.

Very sincerely yours,

April 30th, 1906.

Mr. Paul D. Axtell,

Theological Seminary,

Princeton, N. J.

My Dear Mr. Axtell:-

I am sorry for the disappointment in the matter of the tablet, but am very glad to have that day for the work here.

Very cordially yours,

Mr. Karl C. Nicol,

602 South State Street,

Tacoma, Washington.

My Dear Mr. Nicol,-

I received on Monday your letter of the 16th., and should be very glad if I could be of any help to you in your time of perplexity.and need.

It seems to me that one of the first things for you to do, is to atone for the past. I should think that you ought at once to return to the company the money which you got wrongfully and that you ought to begin at once paying back the entire amount which you owe it on this account. I suppose this would involve, as you realize, confessing to the company just what you did, and I think you ought to do this. I do not believe that it will kill your mother; what might kill her would be that you are not going to do right henceforth, but I do not believe that she would be injured if you should tell her as well as the company about the wrong of the past which you have determined to make right. The only right thing to do about wrongs that we have done is to do all we can to make them right and I hope that God may give you grace to do this. Having rectified whatever is wrong in the past, I think you will find the channel opened through which God can give you power for doing right in the future and no power but His will help a man to do right. There will come times when temptation is too strong for the strongest and when only those men who lean upon the help of God will find that they have strength to stand.

All this is necessary,as it seems to me, to get the poison

Mr. Earl C. Nigol,

[illegible]

[illegible] effort to help others and [illegible]

[illegible] you have not read Professor [illegible]'s "Ideal of Life",

[illegible] that is a book that would help you very much, and al-

[illegible] Marshall's "Borderline in the Fields [illegible]",

and his little book entitled "A Lie Never Justifiable."

Please let me know if I can be of any help to you at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

[illegible]

May 1st., 1906.

Miss Allie Hewarr,

Missionary Training Institute,

[illegible]

[illegible],-

The poem to which you refer is by the Primate of Ireland, and I have the pleasure of [illegible]

Very [illegible],

[illegible]

May 1st., 1906.

[illegible],

Hull House,

[illegible],

Chicago, Ill.

[illegible],-

Mrs. Speer has given me your kind note of April 29th. I wish I could have the pleasure of accepting the invitation, but I do not expect to be in Chicago this spring. The notice which you saw was premature so far as I am concerned. It was assumed that I was going to the General Assembly this year, but it is not my turn. Some time when I am in Chicago, I certainly hope to have the pleasure of coming to see you at Hull House.

Very cordially yours,

Dic. RES/ELM

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May 1st., 1906.

[illegible],

[illegible],

[illegible],

[illegible],

I was glad to get your letter of the 25th., with reference to the proposed reunion of the Class of 1886. Nothing would keep me from coming if I were free at the time, but I have [illegible] of long standing in the West, which I cannot break. If it were a week earlier, I [illegible].

Very cordially yours,

Dic. RES/ELM

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May 1st., 19[illegible].

Professor John H. Strong,

287 Westminster Road,

Rochester, N. Y.

My Dear John,-

I also have received Joe Lund's letter regarding the '86 reunion, and would certainly be there if I did not already have a distant engagement which would prevent. I have [illegible] to be at the [illegible] Conferences in Ohio and [illegible] this week, and cannot break these appointments. If [illegible] came the week before, I should certainly be there.

I did not know that you were down at Nashville. I do not think it was right for you to exercise what you call self-denial [illegible] expense. I had lots of spare time. [illegible] of that sort again. The only way you can [illegible] is to come down here and make Mrs. Speer and me a visit. I am glad you are to be at Silver Bay and shall look forward to seeing you then.

I am glad to know of the deep missionary interest in the Seminary and of the large number of men who are ready to go. I believe it would be a good thing for a large number of men to press themselves upon the church. Of course [illegible] of practical [illegible], [illegible] every man from any one Seminary class is likely to be well qualified and the missionary Board would have to make selections. At the same time, if a large proportion of the class were found to be well fitted and the others could be ~~retained~~ dicen on ~~the~~ grounds that [illegible] make them undesirable workers

for the home churches, I should think the demonstration would be helpful in awakening the church to what seems to be just now the supreme need, namely, of prayer and support. I do not believe, though, in saying either to the young men or to the church that one need is greater than another. If you say that you need men more than money, you chill the church's sense of obligation to give. If you say you need money more than men, you check the supply of candidates. [illegible] sober appeal for both men and support and then move steadily forward [illegible] the supplies which are bound to be as intermittent and irregular as our are. I hope you and Mrs. Strong are well, and with constant love, I am,

Ever your friend,

[illegible]

Dic. RES/EL M

[illegible] H. Knowles,

Room 401,

[illegible]

New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Knowles,-

Your kind note of April 28th., with enclosed [illegible] form tickets for the meeting in Carnegie Hall on May 13th., has been received. I wish I could have the pleasure of being present, but I have to be in Pennsylvania thatday. I return the tickets herewith with many thanks as you may be able to use them otherwise.

Very cordially yours,

Dic. RES/ELM

May 2nd., 1906.

Mr. George G. Dayton,

700 Nicollet Avenue, Mineapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Dayton:--

I think that Dr. Cobb would make an admirable President for Macalester College. Judging him by the test of actual results from his work, he would be acknowledged by all, I think, as an unusually successful minister. His church in Elizabeth, N. J., is a fine church, worked up steadily in membership and in giving and spiritual devotion by his energy and consecration. He was regarded as an unusually successful man as Chairman of the New Jersey Synodical Committee on Home Missions. Since you ask my opinion in entire confidence, I will give it to you. As I have seen Dr. Cobb close at hand in various affairs in which we have been intimately associated, he has seemed to me a little too quick on the trigger in matters of judgment, but this might make him only the more efficient in the West, and I know that you could not find a man of better spirit, of more tireless energy, more unselfish generosity, and more geniality, and of more entire readiness for hard work. Dr. Cobb has the entire confidence and affection of all who know him, I believe, and no one stands better in the Synod of New Jersey than he does. He is a wide-awake man, with warm spiritual life, sympathetic adaptation, and I think wo ld be a splendid man for you if you could secure him, though I should be very sorry to see him taken away from

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this part of the country.

I do not know what lines of study Dr. Cobb keeps up, but I do know that he is a thoughtful man who works in his study as well as among his people. At the same time, I do not know that he has kept up any lines as he would wish to do if he were to undertake to teach them; but he would work up any subjects that he would feel like teaching. At the same time, I think his strength will lie, not so much in his pedagogical work as in his general efficiency and his warm hearted devotion and spiritual earnestness.

Very sincerely yours,

Pattengill

May 2nd, 1906.

Mr. Charles G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Charlie:--

I am sorry I had to be prompted by another telegram this week for the topics of the Young Peoples' Meetings. I replied at once, and send over four more instalments to-day. I shall send you half a dozen more very shortly.

There must be some good book that would deal directly as to the doubt as to the virgin birth of Christ. I do not think of one at the moment, but I shall look over my books to-night at home and shall add a postscript to this letter, indicating the names of any that might be especially serviceable.

Thank you very much for your letter regarding Mrs. Barakat. I shall send a copy of it to Mr. Harshaw. I wrote an editorial for the Sunday School Times some time ago on "The Value of Moral Margins". My experiences with unpleasant misunderstandings in the matter of mixing missionary gifts with lecture fees led me to see how desirable it is that in this matter there should be a big margin between people like Mrs. Barakat and anything even open to misconception. At the same time, as you state the matter, it is evidently all perfectly clear and honorable on Mrs. Barakat's part.

I enclose an editorial note,

Very affectionately yours,

May second, 1906,

Mr. Lansing G. Wetmore,

Rochester,

New York.

My Dear Mr. Wetmore:-

The only one of the Sundays which you mention on which I think there is any possibility of my coming to Rochester, is September 16th. And the possibility of coming then seems to me so slight, I ought not to ask you to hold that Sunday for a week or two until I can make sure. If I find later that I could come then, I may write to you, on the chance that you would not have filled up that day; but I hope you will go forward and try to fill it, irrespective of this possibility.

With kind regards to your family and yourself.

Very cordially yours,

P. S.-I looked over my books last evening and the only one I could find that seemed to have anything especially bearing on the subject of the virgin birth of Christ was Gore's "Incarnation of the Son of God". I have telephoned up to Mr. Gillett, the Librarian of the Union Theological Seminary asking him what books he would suggest, and he says he will have a list made out and send it to me, and I will send it on to you as soon as I receive it.

May second, 1906.

Miss Edna Campbell,

609 Tallman Street,

Syracuse, New York.

My Dear Miss Campbell:-

November 25th is the date on which I promised to be at Cornell. I cannot promise to come up for the afternoon of the 24th, which would necessitate leaving New York the evening of the preceding day. It may be that at the time I might find it possible to come, but I cannot promise now to do more than be there for Saturday evening.

Very sincerely yours,

May 4, 1906.

Mr. J. R. Paull,

Bank of Pittsburgh,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Paull:

Your very kind note of May 1st, with its enclosed check to cover expenses of my trip to Pittsburgh, is just received, and I thank you heartily for your kind thoughtfulness. I had a delightful day in East Liberty Church, with Dr. and Mrs. Sneen and shall rejoice if it helped you at all in the great work which you are doing.

I have a memorandum of the kind invitation from you and Mr. Moore for the anniversary in November. I shall be glad to let Mr. Moore know a little later whether it will be at all possible for me to come.

Very sincerely yours,

May 1st., 1906.

Miss Ellen S. Bartlett,-
Putnam Hall,

My Dear Miss Bartlett,-

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation to deliver the address at the closing of the school on June 8th. I shall probably be kept here that day by work in the offices. It would be a pleasure to make it if it were possible.

Very sincerely yours,

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May fifth, 1906.

Mr. Charles G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Charlie:-

I enclose herewith a note from Mr. Gillett, the Librarian at the Union Theological Seminary, regarding books on the Virgin Birth of Christ. I do not know any of the books well enough to be able to recommend them. I should like to see the book by Randolph on "The Virgin Birth of our Lord." I suppose that would be the book that would most likely meet the need of your inquirer. But if you should look it over before recommending it I think it would be wise.

Would you care for the enclosed as an editorial note?

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer.

May fifth, 1906.

The Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Dr. Miller:-

I enclose herewith a biographical article and several notes for Forward, in case you should wish to use them. If you, will you kindly return them so that I can use them otherwise?

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer.

May fifth, 1906.

Miss E. S. Creighton,
Englewood, New Jersey.

My Dear Miss Creighton:-

I am very sorry for the scarlet fever exposure which must have caused you a great deal of concern. I trust that there may be no serious consequences at all.

I am sorry that I shall not have home after to-morrow, another Sunday until June third. If you would like me to come up that evening to speak to the girls, I should be glad to do so; but as that is the last Sunday in the school year, I suppose you will have some other arrangements for that evening.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer.

May fifth, 1906.

The Rev. John Hemphill, D. D.,

Calvary Presbyterian Church,

San Francisco, California.

My Dear Dr. Hemphill:-

Before the recent disaster, I had been rather looking forward to a visit to the Pacific Coast this fall, to attend the Coast Synods and speak in some of the churches and colleges. Since the disaster, however, the question has been raised as to whether it might not be better to postpone such a visit. Might I ask you for your advice? Do you think it would be well to wait untillater? or do the conditions make it only the more desirable that there should be further effort put forth to deepen the missionary spirit and interest? I shall be grateful for a word of counsel from you.

Very cordially yours,

May fifth, 1906.

The Rev. J. H. Laughlin,

262 Thirteenth Street,

Oakland, California.

My Dear Jai:-

Before the recent disaster I had been rather looking forward to a visit to the Pacific Coast this fall, to attend the Coast Synods and speak in some of the churches and colleges. Since the disaster, however, the question has been raised as to whether it might not be better to postpone such a visit. Might I ask you for your advice? Do you think it would be well to wait until later? or do the conditions make it only the more desirable that there should be a more earnest effort put forth to deepen the missionary spirit and interest? I shall be grateful for a word of counsel from you.

Very affectionately yours,

May fifth, 1906.

The Rev. Hugh Kelso Walker, D. D.,

Immanuel Presbyterian Church,

Los Angeles, California.

My Dear Dr. Walker:-

Before the recent disaster, I had been rather looking forward to a visit to the Pacific Coast this fall, to attend the Coast Synods and speak in some of the churches and colleges. Since the disaster, however, the question has been raised as to whether it might not be better to postpone such a visit. Might I ask you for your advice? Do you think it would be well to wait until later? or do the conditions make it only the more desirable that there should be an earnest effort put forth to deepen the missionary spirit and interest? I shall be grateful to you for a word of counsel.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

May fifth, 1906.

Professor Hugh W. Gilcrist, D. D.,

San Anselmo, California.

My Dear Dr. Gilcrist:-

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Very sincerely yours,

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Professor George Collie,

Beloit, Michigan.

My Dear Professor Collie:-

I often think of you and Mrs. Collie, and m y happy week with you, and regret that our paths so seldom cross. r the ast year or so, however, since President Eaton invited me to come and deli er the missionary lectures, I have been hoping to see you a Since hearing of his resignation, though, I have wondered whether you not want e make some change in these matters, so write that I hope you will feel perf ectly free to make any other arrangement regarding the lectureship. If, how ever, you are still counting on me for it for this coming college year, ould so me time in October or November be a satisfactory time, if I can arrange to come in connection with any of my Western trips?

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Collie.

Your sincere friend,

Wm. E. Griffis

May 7th, 1906.

The Rev. Edward Hunting Rudd,

Dedham, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Rudd:--

Your two good notes were duly received. I am glad that you will help in connection with the Princeton work, so far as the class of 1883 is concerned. I have written to Mr. Miller that I shall be sorry with you to have the gifts of any men in '83 merely diverted from the object to which they would be applied in Syria; but that surely we might hope that some money could be obtained for the Princeton work in Peking in addition to what has been going to Syria. Miller will doubtless communicate with you further, sending literature that you could use.

I am glad you feel as you do about coming back into our Church, and I shall look forward to seeing you tomorrow in Princeton. This letter will be waiting for you when you get back home. I shall be glad to help in any way I can. I do not think I know anybody in the First Church at Pasadena, but I know people in Germantown and Scranton. I hope you will have seen Erdman at Princeton and will have spoken to him about Germantown. Any word from him, of course, would be of more weight than anyone else's word, in the Germantown church. I have a letter now unanswered from the Scranton church asking for suggestions, and I shall mention your name there.

I will be glad to send you the names of some men in the Germantown, New Rochelle and Scranton Churches, but I am not sure that the men whose names occur to me are the most influential men there. Erdman would know best about the Germantown Church, and W. Weller, now of Greenwich, used to be out in New Rochelle and would know there.

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The Rev. S. J. McPherson, D. D.,

Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. McPherson:--

Your kind note of April 25th was duly received, and I am very much obliged for the enclosed check.

With reference to next year, would December 16th and March 24th be satisfactory dates? I am trying to block out the schedule for the year. As far as I can see, I could come to Lawrenceville for these two days.

With warm regards,

Very sincerely yours,

The man who wrote to me from Scranton in behalf of the Committee was Benjamin F. Watson, its Secretary. Anything that I can do I shall be glad to do to help you and help our Church in getting you back into it.

Very cordially yours,

May 7th, 1906.

Professor John Meigs,

Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

My dear Professor:--

On my way up to Pitsburgh the other day I tried to block out a schedule for next year. How would the following Sundays do for the Hill: September 23; October 21st; November 11th; December 9th; January 13th; February 10th; March 10th; April 21st; May 12th; and June 9th. I am not sure that it will be possible to come for all of these days, for I may have to go to the Pacific Coast for October, and there may be some other interferences, but if you could cross off any of these days that will not be suitable for you I could make some schedule or back bone of working arrangements for the year, and shall hope to let you know within a few days what I could really plan for.

Emma has been down with the Grippe all the week, and is still in bed and feeling pretty wretched. We were so sorry to miss the possibility of a visit from Marion and Miss Johnson. We had a little picnic on Saturday for Stephen Baker's children. We shall count on Marion's coming later, however, and long so much to have you and Mrs. John also.

Very affectionately yours,

May 7th, 1906.

The Rev. Harlan P. Beach, D. D.,
3 West 29th St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Beach:--

As soon as I let down the telephone this afternoon after talking with you, I thought of where I might have laid one of my letters to the Princeton Directors, of which I spoke, and found immediately two copies there. I send one herewith to you. It contains the quotation from Father Doyle of which I spoke, and contains also some other things that had better not pass beyond your own eye. My propositions to the Princeton Directors came to nothing.

In writing to Professor Curtis I should quote the statement of Father Doyle's and also the action of our own Board.

If you have an extra galley or page proof of the address on "The Inadequacy of the Non-Christian Religions", could you let me have it? Do not get one specially, but I thought you might have some extra one.

Ever cordially yours,

Robert Speer

May 7th, 1906.

The Rev. Howard Bliss, D. D.,

Syrian Protestant College, Beirut, Syria.

My dear Bliss:--

Your very kind note of April 18th is received to-day. I am sorry that my uncle and aunt did not go to Syria and Palestine. I knew that my uncle was a little tired and on his account my aunt gave up the visit she had hoped to make in India, and they remained together in Ceylon. We are expecting them back next week.

I appreciate very much your kind remembrance of them, and I wish they might have had the pleasure of meeting you and seeing the work of the College.

Through Dr. Dodge's kindness we have seen a good deal of the recent correspondence between you and Mr. Peate and Mr. Leishman. I hope that at least we younger men may live to see a satisfactory and final settlement of this question.

Dr . Zwemer of Arabia and Dr. Wherry of India are both in New York, having attended the Cairo Conference, regarding which they feel very well satisfied. I hope with you that there may be no ill results from any unwise actions or publicity. I hope, at the same time, that the Conference may help to awaken in the church a deeper purpose and reach in some way the Mohammedan world.

We are having just at present unusual opportunities in Persia, where there are hundreds of Mohammedan young men

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and women, but especially young men, in our Mission schools.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

May fifth, 1906.

The Rev. George S. Webster, D. D.,
310 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

My Dear Dr. Webster:-

I do not know to whom I am indebted for the very attractive little book regarding the History of the Covenant Church, but I suspect it comes from you, and I am very much obliged for it. I shall take it home this evening, and read it with the greatest interest.

With cordial regards.

Very faithfully yours,

May 7th, 1906.

The Rev. H. J. Buehler,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Mr. Buehler:--

Would November 4th or 18th, for the fall date, and April 28th, for the spring date, be satisfactory Sundays for my visits next year? I have a number of adjustments to make for November, but I am on the Pacific Coast in October and may not be back for the first Sunday in November, so I may not know for a few weeks which of these days in November it would be possible for me to come.

With warm regards to Mrs. Buehler,

Your sincere friend,

May seventh, 1906.

Mr. Henry H. Tifft,

[illegible] West 27th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Tifft:-

I am sorry that an engagement at Princeton, where I have to speak at the unveiling of the Memorial Tablet tomorrow noon, will prevent my attendance at the meeting of the Board of Directors. I slipped up this month in the matter of the date, having put down last Tuesday in my engagement book. Will you kindly present my [illegible]

Very sincerely yours,

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May seventh, 1906.

The Rev. T. Roseberry Good,

Mt. Sterling, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Good:-

Your most helpful letter of the third has been received. I am sending it to Mr. Miller. Mr. Scott's name has been already mentioned, but I do not think he will be available, as it is his purpose to enter the seminary on returning from Beirut. Mr. Kellogg would also be a desirable man, but he, too, expects to go out to India. The Mr. Hunter I do not know, but Mr. Miller probably knows him, and would be glad to get the judgment of others regarding him. Mr. Moment's name has been under consideration, and I think the matter has been presented to him.

The interest expressed in your letter is very encouraging, and I hope you will feel free to make suggestions at any time.

Very cordially yours,

May seventh, 1906.

Mr. Luke H. Miller,

Princeton, N. J.

My Dear Luke:-

I enclose herewith a letter from the Rev. T. Roseberry Good. I have answered it, telling him that Kellogg was going to India, and Scott was expectint to enter the seminary, but that I knew you would be glad to hear of Hunter and look him up.

I enclose letters from some of the men I wrote to on the list you sent. I have heard also from Mr. Rudd, who says that he has written you that he will serve on the Committee, provided it seems best for '83 to undertake any work in addition to that which they are now doing. I should be sorry to see them divert the gifts which they are sending to Dr. Hoskins. But they ought surely to be able to help in the Peking work in addition.

I am glad to hear that Moment is thinking of the work. I shall drop him a note.

Very cordially yours,

May seventh, 1906.

My Dear Thomas:-

I enclose two letters from Luke Miller, which you will be interested to see. You were away when his April 14th letter came. I wrote to the men on the list which he gave me, and have had answers from five or six of them. Two of these I think have accepted.

As ever,

Yours,

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May 7th, 1906.

The Rev. Albert H. Plumb

Gill, Franklin Co., Mass.

My dear Albert:--

I received the other day your poem on the Congo situation and also your card regarding it. I gave the poem to Dr. Halsey who has charge of our missionary magazine, The Assembly Herald. One wonders whether, if we had sufficient commercial interests at stake in the Congo we might not find it easier to arouse popular feeling with reference to the wrongs of the Congo Government. The boycott in China stirred up a good deal more popular discussion of our relations to that Empire and of the injustice of our enforcement of the Chinese Exclusion Law than has ever been stirred up by missionaries or philanthropists.

Very cordially yours,

May seventh, 1906.

Miss Reba E. Forbes,

Briarcliff Manor,

New York

My Dear Miss Forbes:-

Mrs. Speer came to town with the two older children for Sunday, April 29th, and went home on Monday with a very bad cold, which turned out to be grippe. She has been in bed ever since, feeling very miserable. She has asked me to answer your kind note of May first, as the doctor has done his best to dissuade her from answering letters or doing anything else but rest. She is very sorry that she will not be able to come up to Briarcliff. I wish I could come in her stead, if you would be willing to have me, but while I have not forgotten your kind invitation and my letter in which I told you that I would come if I could, it has been simply impossible to arrange to do so.

Mrs. Speer and I are both happy to know that the work is going forward so well.

With kind regards from us both, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer.

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Mr. J. J. Moment,

Hartford Theological Seminary,

Hartford, Conn.

My Dear Mr. Moment:-

Mr. Miller writes of his conferences with you with reference to Princeton work in Peking, and says that you are now considering the question. I venture to write just a word to tell you how deeply interested we shall all be in the result of your consideration. I believe that you are well fitted for such work, and that it is a great opportunity for doing a good and influential thing.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

May seventh, 1906.

Mrs. John S. Bussing,

26 East Tenth Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Bussing:-

Your letter of May first, addressed to Mrs. Speer, was received last week. Mrs. Speer is laid up with an attack of grip, and I am writing in her behalf. We have wondered whether you might not have in mind the Women's Missionary Conference at Northfield, rather than the Young women's Conference. It is this latter with which Mrs. Speer is connected, and not the former. If you have in mind the former, the proper person to write to would be Mrs. Alonzo Pettit, 116 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, N. J., the Chairman of the Committee having the Conference in charge. As both Conferences, however, are largely under Mr. Moody's direction, I am sending your note to him. He will be very glad to hear of Mrs. Allen , and Miss Lucy Chapman, I think, is on the Committee of the Young Women's Conference.

Very sincerely yours,

May seventh, 1906.

Mr. Neil McMillan, Jr.,

Champaign, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. McMillan:-

Your kind note of April 30th has been received. I am sorry to have to say, however, that I have little hope of being able to visit the University this coming college year. My Sundays are already pretty well filled up, and the only time when I am at all likely to be in the West is in October, and I may have to be at that time on the Pacific Coast. If I am not, but am among the Synods in the Middle West, it might be possible for me to come. This would depend, however, on where my appointments were, and whether they leave any spare time between, in which I could visit Champaign.

Very sincerely yours,

May second, 1906.

Miss Louise Brooks,

541 Lexington Avenue,

New York City.

My Dear Miss Brooks:-

I think I did not send you a copy of a letter from Miss Louise Clark, which I meant to send at the time that I sent the one from Miss Orbison, so I enclose it herewith. Will you communicate directly with both of them? Miss Clark's address is Three Rivers, Michigan.

Very cordially yours,

May seventh, 1906.

Mr. J. W. Stevens,

106 West 27th Street,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly report to the Committee on Admissions, Indentures and Discharges, that another engagement will prevent my coming to the meeting this Friday afternoon?

Very sincerely yours,

May seventh, 1906.

Mr. Fred B. Smith,

3 West 29th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Smith:-

I enclose herewith a revision of the report of my address at the Hotel Manhattan. I am sorry to have been so long in preparing it for you.

Very cordially yours,

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The Rev. Ellwood Nash, D. D.,

30 West Street,

Boston, Mass.

My Dear Dr. Nash:-

It is a pleasure to reply to your letter of May first, with reference to a list of missionary books. I would suggest the following:

Dennis - "Christian Missions and Social Progress,"
McKenzie - "Christianity and the Progress of Man,"
Welsh - The Challenge to Christian Missions,"
Kellogg - "A Handbook of Comparative Religion,"
Kellogg - "The Light of Asia," and "The Light of the World,"
Grant - "The Religions of the World in Relation to Christianity,"
Clark - "A short Study of Christian Missions,"
Mott - "The Evangelization of the World,"
Mott - "The Pastor and Modern Missions,"
Ecumenical Missionary Conference Report, 1900,
Walsh - "Heroes of the Mission Field,"
Walsh - "Modern Heroes of the Mission Field,"
Stewart - "Dawn in the Dark Continent,"
H. W. Brown - "Latin America,"
A. J. Brown - "New Forces in Old China,"
Gibson - "Mission Problems and Mission Methods in South China,"
A. H. Smith, "Chinese Characteristics,"
Jones - "India's Problem: Krishna or Christ,"
Maxwell - "The Bishop's Conversion,"
Carmichael-Wilson - "Things As They Are, or Mission Work in Southern India,"
Clement - "Christianity in Japan,"
Hardy - "Life and Letters of Neesima,"
Underwood - "Fifteen Years Among the Topknots,"
Hamlin - "My Life and Times,"
Zwemer, "Raymond Lull,"
A. J. Brown,- "The New Era in the Philippines,"
"Autobiography of John G. Paton,"
"Autobiography and Letters of James Chalmers,"
Blaikie - "Personal Life of David Livingston,"
Smith - "Short History of Christian Missions,"
Warneck - "Outline of History of Protestant Missions."

If I can be of any other service to you at any time I shall be very glad.

I notice that you address me as though I were ordained. I am only a layman.

Very sincerely yours,

May seventh, 1906.

Mr. W. R. Moody,

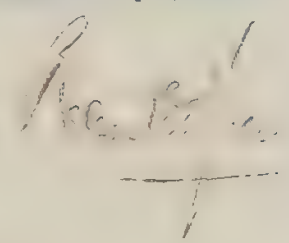
East Northfield, Mass.

My Dear Will:-

I enclose herewith a note which came to Emma last week, and with it a copy of my reply. The Dutch Reformed Church is a good Church, and I have no doubt these are good people to encourage to come.

I hope that you are all well, and I trust that Emma may be quite herself again before the end of the week.

Very affectionately yours,



May seventh, 1906.

Miss Christine E. Gray,

Box 419,

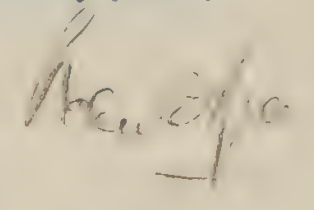
Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Miss Gray:-

Your kind note of May second, returning the letters from Miss Orbison and Miss Clark, has been received. I am glad you have found workers for the Door of Hope.

I wish I might have had the pleasure of meeting you at the Missionary Meeting of the Central Church. Mrs. Meigs has told me so much about you.

Very cordially yours,



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The Rev. J. Ralph Woodcock,

Second Presbyterian Church,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Woodcock:-

A few days ago, Dr. Stevenson, Pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, asked me if I could suggest to him any man for an Assistant to him whom he might get. He wanted, especially, someone who was in touch with the student work, and would help him in getting hold of the student class here, or young men coming out of the large Eastern Universities. He would want someone who could occasionally preach for him, also, and who would help him in all the work of the parish. As you know, this is the Church of which Dr. John Hall was pastor, and is one of our most powerful churches. Dr. Stevenson is not the kind of man who carries on a meteoric splurge, but he is doing a great and solid work, making the church an increasing power as an evangelizing agency and as a fountain of benefit. We talked over several men, but it afterwards occurred to me that I would write to you, and ask you whether you felt drawn to such a work; whether you felt that you had the qualifications to undertake it; and whether you were under obligations in your present relationship which would preclude your considering such a work as this. If it appeals to you, I should be glad to introduce you to Dr. Stevenson, or send him any letter from you, or to tell him that the way was open for him to write to you if he wished.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

May seventh, 1906.

The Rev. S. S. Laws, D. D., LL. D.,
1733 Q. Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Dr. Laws:-

Your kind note of May second was received, followed shortly by "Polygamy and Citizenship in Church and State." I took it home with me, and spent all the time on the train getting there in reading it. I am delighted that you have done this work. I want to examine the argument more closely. I do not need any convincing myself, because I hold unswervingly the same conviction which you hold. I believe that no polygamist should be baptized and admitted to the Church membership while still practicing polygamy. The objection usually urged, that it is not Christian to require a man to cast off upon the world all his wives but one, has nothing whatever to do with the matter, for we do not propose that he should do that. Whatever obligations he has assumed which are not consistent with the Christian character he must not only bear, but regard them as more sacred than he could have done until Christian motive entered into his life. All that we hold is that he must not sustain the marital relationship with more than one. He can support a while old ladies' home, or young ladies' home if his generous instincts incline him to do so. But with one wife, if any, and with one alone ought he to be allowed to come into the Church, which is the Bride of Christ, and its relations to Him symbolized by the Scriptures of the true family love of a monogomous home.

I do not think that the admission of polygamists is very common; but one such admission is too many. And I think it is a vital principle of purity and of truth for which we are contending.

With best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

May 10, 1906.

Rev. J. T. Sweetman,

Charleton, New York.

My dear Dr. Sweetman:

I am very much obliged to you for the beautiful little book of California pictures which you sent me. It was a pleasure to have the book and it was a yet greater pleasure to have this remembrance from you.

I was in Albany last evening at a convention and Mr. Temple walked down to the station with me after the meeting, and we had a little talk about you. He told me that you were travelling in California, which I might have guessed from your having sent the little book. I hope that you are having a good trip and trust that if you pass through New York on your way home, you will be sure to let me know, so that I can see you.

With warm regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

May tenth, 1906.

Mr. Lucius Hopkins Miller,

Princeton, N. J.

My Dear Miller:-

I enclose a letter from McMaster, '88, which indicates that he will take hold. I have not yet any reply to my letter to Rollins. If you are up here any time, and could stop in to see Rollins, I think that would help. If Rollins will not take hold, and Professor Robbins would, I think that would be an admirable arrangement.

Very cordially yours,

May tenth, 1906.

The Rev. Stephen V. R. Trowbridge,

700 Nostrand Avenue,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Trowbridge:-

I enclose herewith a copy of the poem to which you refer. The writer, who was Bishop Alexander at the time, is now Primate of Ireland.

Very cordially yours,

S.

May 10, 1906.

Miss E. S. Creighton,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Miss Creighton:

I shall be very glad to look forward to speaking to the girls on Sunday evening, June 3rd. I hope there may be no serious consequences at all from the scarlet fever cases.

Very cordially yours,

S.

May 10, 1906.

Rev. Edward W. Capen, Th. D.,

14 Beacon St.,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Capen:

I am very much obliged for your kindness in sending me a copy of the Missionary Herald for April, with an account of the Student Volunteer Conference. It was a great pleasure to be with you on the train and what an inspiration it is just to recall the days of the Conference!

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. Frank S. Hackett,

Berkeley School,

72nd St. & West End Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind note of May seventh, addressed to me at Englewood, with reference to the Berkeley School, was duly received. My son is not old enough to be sent into the city to school.

Very sincerely yours,

May 9th, 1906.

Mrs. S. J. Barrows,

135 East 15th St., New York City.

My dear Mrs. Barrows:--

Your kind note of May 6th, with its enclosed recollection of Mr. Bowen, was received on Monday, and I am very grateful for it. It is just such living memories as these that are invaluable to one who never saw Mr. Bowen. The material which I am gathering regarding him has become very rich, but there is still much to add to it, from those who knew Mr. Bowen personally and have letters of his which I have not yet obtained, before it is worth while setting at work on the preparation of the biography for publication.

Very cordially yours,

C.

May 10, 1906.

Miss Susan M. Clute,

289 Fourth Ave.,

New York City.

My dear Miss Clute:

I think you have made a very good selection of books. You have chosen more than I think you are likely to sell, but it is doubtless best to err on this side. I would only suggest that you add Dr. Brown's, "New Forces in Old China", which is the best recent general book on China. Mrs. Underwood's "Fifteen Years among the Top-knots", which is the best general book on Korea. Mrs. Jewel Wilson's, "Things as they are, or Mission Work in South India"; Smith's, "Short History of Christian Missions", R. E. Welshe's, "Challenged Christian Missions", Wm. Newton Clark's "Short Study of Christian Missions" and Warneck, "Outline of the History of Protestant Missions".

A few mistakes have been made in names in your list such as, "Rex Cloisters" for "Rex Christus". The author of the "Transformation of Hawai" is I think Miss Brain and of the "Tragedy of Pantingfu", DR. Ketler. Mesima should of course be Nesima and I think for missionary purposes Clement's "Christianity in Japan" ought to be suggested, in addition to his "Handbook of Modern Japan.

Very cordially yours,

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May 10, 1906.

Mr. C. V. Vickrey,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Vickrey:

Your note of May 4th with reference to the Sunday School Conference at Silver Bay has been received. I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to be present. I am glad such a Conference is to be held and earnestly wish we might have Mr. Erdman's successor picked out by that time, so that he could be present.

I feel a grave concern at your statement that the number of people desiring to attend the Young People's Conference, July 20-29, will so greatly exceed the hotel accommodations. I had anticipated attending this Conference, but as I have been before, I should be reluctant to crowd out any of the multitude so eager to attend and I am willing to make the sacrifice this summer, of staying away, although this will be a great disappointment. Still I can solace myself with the thought that my loss is some one else's gain, in that some dear young sister from some remote community is enjoying the rare privilege of playing tennis with Elliot Field, or sitting on the hotel porch looking at the lake.

Very sorrowfully yours,

May eleventh, 1906.

President Herbert Welch,

Delaware, Ohio,

My Dear President Welch:-

Your very kind letter of May fifth has been received, and I accept with much pleasure your invitation to deliver the Lectures on the Merrick Foundation next December. As far as I am able to see, the time which you suggest would be entirely convenient for me.

With reference to the subject of the lectures I should be glad to have your judgment. If you would prefer a missionary series, I should like to take up the study of Missionary Principles and Problems in the form of some critical biographies, dealing with the ascetic principle in Missions, as exemplified in George Bowen ; the heroic spirit, as exemplified in Raymond Lull; the principles of missionary administration abroad, as seen in two such diverse types as Carey and Duff; the principles of missionary administration at home, as seen in Jeremiah Evarts and Walter Lowrie. Evarts was the father of Senator William M. Evarts, and was the first Treasurer and the second Secretary of the American Board; and Walter Lowrie was United States Senator, and subsequently Secretary of the Senate, who laid down his work to become the first missionary statesman of our Church. Then I should deal, also, with the missionary possibilities of war and politics, as exemplified in Chinese Gordon and John Lawrence.

If you prefer a more general missionary course, I could take up a series covering the Aim, Methods, Relations and Problems of Missions, with the new apologetic necessities with which Missions now have to deal.

If it would be better not to take a missionary course, but I would suggest as a general subject, either the ethical fundamentals of Christian character, or a course on The Use of Christ. With the former I would have in mind starting out with a discussion of the invincibility of truth as the foundation of right thinking and right character. I find a great deal of looseness among

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students and others with reference to the matter of truth. Most of them believe that lies are sometimes justifiable, and believing that, they have no foundation for an absolutely solid life. Then, I should carry this principle on into Purity and Service and Feeling and Character, and conclude it with an effort to show the inevitableness of failure in the struggle for the highest ideal, and the comfort and encouragement of such failure. I am afraid in trying to condense my idea I have not made it very clear. But my effort would be to try to deal with the actual problems of students in the realm of character, and to relate Christian principle to practical life.

In dealing with "The Use of Christ," I have in mind such titles as "Of what actual use is Christ to Men?" "The serviceableness of Christ's Example." "Christ's unsealing of the secrets of power." "Modern [illegible], a feeling after a Useful Christ." "The Evangelical View of Christ [illegible] by Human Experience."

The first of these four courses would involve less labor on my part, as I should need only to select from material already prepared wh at would be necessary for each lecture. But I shall be glad to take up whatever you think would be most useful.

With sincere appreciation of your kind invitation, I am,

Very cordially yours,

May eleventh, 1905.

Miss Elizabeth L. Ely,

Riverside Drive and 85th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Miss Ely:-

I am going to need two secretaries this summer to help me in my work, and have helping me now here in the offices, with a view to ascertaining their fitness for such positions, two young women, one of whom I believe was once a student in your school - Miss Sanger, formerly of Morristown. Can you tell me anything about her that would help me to form a judgment as to her capacity for such work?

Very cordially yours,

B. S.

We are sending you by this mail, thirty-five copies of a little booklet, "Presbyterian Schools and Colleges in India," which may be of interest to the girls.

May 11, [illegible]

The Rev. Edward T. Clippinger,
305 West Hill St.,
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Clippinger:

Your very kind letter of May 3rd has been received. I wish I could fix a day for a visit at the University next college year, but I cannot do so. I have written to the students that if I am in Illinois at any time during the year and can make it possible to get to the college for a meeting of the students there, I shall be very glad indeed to go.

I think you are entirely right in your feeling that we ought not to neglect our own students in these institutions and I know that they are entirely open and accessible if we only go to them.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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May 12, 1906.

Mr. Charles D. Hurrey,
703 Association Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Hurrey:

Your kind note with reference to the Geneva Conference was duly received. I shall be glad to speak at the meetings you propose, Saturday morning and evening and Sunday morning and evening.

I have no suggestions to make.

Very cordially yours,

c/o French, Lemon and Co.,

your letter of April 27th from Rome. I am sending you herewith, under separate cover, half a dozen copies of the address referred to in the "Outlook". The [illegible] itorial was a fine advertisement and what I said has had a far wider hearing than it got in the meeting where I said it, through the criticism and publicity [illegible] it by the "Outlook". I could have answered the "Outlook's" questions if I had wished to and I was tempted to send a reply, but I did not believe it would be profitable to get into a controversy or to emphasize points of disagreement. I do not take the "Outlook" myself because I do not like its attitude in some of these things. At times it strikes the clear note, but then at other times it shades off into mist and [illegible] that a man who thought he was following it on a sure path might easily find himself astray. I hope it accomplishes good, however, with those who do not have positive views of their own worked out in thought and tested in experience.

I took your letter home last evening and gave it to Emma to read. She had a pretty siege of the grippe last week, but is feeling herself now, and rejoicing all the more in health because she felt so miserable last week. We shall look forward with joy to seeing you when you come

Miss Fuller,

home. I am glad to know that there is good hope of your coming now before long. We shall probably be in Englewood all of July, or I shall be; if I can, I shall persuade Emma and the children to go up to camp about the middle of the month, but I shall not be able to go up before August.

I hope you may not miss ~~Mary~~ Young Mrs. Shearman and her mother. Clara Reed was to be with them part of the summer. I hope she will be with them when you see them.

Emma and I were very interested in your further word regarding the doctor in Venice. I have prayed that God would help him and deliver him from the adversaries who [illegible] his largest influence.

I hope that you may come back really strong and with a substantial surplus which will carry you past [illegible]

Very affectionately yours,

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Mr. Dumont Clarke, Jr.,

Princeton, N.J.

My dear Dumont:

Your note of the 9th, announcing the annual meeting of the graduate advisory committee, at half-past four this afternoon, is just received. I am sorry to say that it will not be possible for me to come down as I have to speak in Nyack this evening.

Cordially yours,

May 11, 1906.

Miss Charlotte Dake King,
Belmont College,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Miss King:

Your very kind invitation to the Graduate Recitals of Belmont College has just been received. I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness and only wish it were possible for Mrs. Speer and me to have the pleasure of being present. I recall with very much satisfaction my visit at the College at the time of the Student Voluntary Convention.

Very sincerely yours,

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Professor [illegible] L. Collie,
[illegible]

Your kind note of the 7th is received. I wrote to you just the other day, so that we must have been thinking of one another at the same time, but if you think as often of me as I do of you and Mrs. Collie, that must often be.

I wish I could spend a Sunday with you this spring in Beloit, but I do not expect to go to Des Moines. It is not my turn this year to speak for our Board at the Assembly and while others are there I shall have to be in the offices here. I hope that you and Mrs. Collie are both very well and with warm regards, I am

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Lic. RLS/ELL

May 18th, 1906.

Mr. Gilbert A. Beaver,

Bellefonte, Penna.

My Dear Gilbert:-

As you probably know, Walter Erdman, who has been with us for the past year, looking after the Sunday school work, is going out to Korea as a Missionary this fall. That makes it necessary, if the work is to be continued as projected, to secure someone to take his place. And I want to ask again, whether there is any likelihood that you will be in shape to undertake work of this kind? and if so, whether you would think of it? I suppose the first question that would arise would be the question of the amount of traveling that would be necessary. Personally I do not think that that is the chief necessity. What is needed is a good organizing head on the whole problem here at headquarters; but there will of course have to be some traveling, not so much to local churches, as to Sunday School Conventions, district and state and national. Such visitation would be necessary in order to come in contact with the leaders, and I do not know what proportion of the work this kind of field work would be, but I should think that the greater part would be work planned and executed from headquarters here. Would you be willing to take the thing under consideration? Whoever takes up the work ought to be getting it in hand very soon, and ought to be at the Young People's Missionary Conference at Silver Bay, and especially at the Sunday School Conference, which is to precede it in July.

I wish that we could sit down and talk it all over together, but I lay it right out at once, because I know you entirely understand, and only want to know what your feeling is about it, and where there is any possibility of your thinking of it.

So far as the work itself is concerned, it seems to me to be an immense opportunity. The Methodists and the Presbyterians are gathering in thousands of dollars from their Sunday schools. Just as the source of contributions, the Pres-

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byterian Sunday Schools offer an immense and almost unworked mine. And then beyond this, of course, is the great educational problem in them, of planting missionary principle and sympathy and knowledge in the Church of the next generation in this plastic period.

And personally, it would be an untold joy to have you in the work here.

It may be that you have other work blocked out, or that the student work in one form or another may seem to you the stronger call. But if the health consideration is not prohibitory, I wish that at least we might consider with you the question of your taking up this special work in our own churches.

I am sorry that we cannot look forward to seeing you and Anne at the Camp this summer. I hope you are all well, and with warm love to you and Anne and Katherine and your Father and Mother, I am,

Very affectionately yours,

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May thirteenth, 1906.

Mr. Charles C. Trumbull,

1331 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Charlie:-

I have just received and am very thankful to you for the little book on the Virgin Birth of our Lord. I shall read it with the greatest interest. It has just occurred to me that thereis perhaps a discussion of the question in one of Fairbairn's books, and I must look that up. I judge from the foot notes in this book of Randolph's, that Gore's dissertations must have some material on the subject. It is a subject that I never have gone into at all. It is good to have other people's questions to compel one to do a little thinking along unaccustomed lines.

I have just gone over this week with great care "A Lie Never Justifiable." I am going to take up that theme in the Hill School to-morrow morning. It has been so good to feel the tingle of your Father's indignation, and to see again the play of his wit and Christian wrath, as one sees them in this wonderful little book.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer

May 15th, 1906.

Mr. Dumont Clark, Jr.,

Princeton, N. J.

My Dear Dumont:-

I look forward to coming down Thursday evening, although I fear I shall not be able to get away before the five o'clock train. I hardly know what to speak about. I had thought of taking up again that question of whether a lie is ever justifiable, but the time available in the Philadelphian meeting isn't enough to handle the question. I think I shall speak on "A Man's Way to Become a Better Man," although I may change my mind before I get down.

I am glad to hear of the addition of Dr. Smith, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Garrett to the Advisory Committee, but I am rather sorry that Colonel McCook has resigned, for I do not disbelieve in him.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

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My Dear Turner,

Could you send the Rev. William I. Chamberlin, D.D., formerly of India, now Professor in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, a copy of final page proofs of my address at Nashville on Non-Christian Religions? I keep getting so many letters about that address that it will be a great relief to me when you finally have it in pamphlet form. Do you expect to do this [illegible]?

Very cordially yours,

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Miss C. B. Ballard,

7 East 16th, St.,

New York City

My dear Miss Ballard:

May I thank you, even at this late day, for your [illegible] May 2nd, with reference to the Commencement address. What you wrote is very helpful. I am looking forward with [illegible] to the opportunity of speaking [illegible] [illegible]. I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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[illegible] D.D.,

[illegible] note of yesterday, with refer-
[illegible] address at [illegible]

I have known, of course, of your home-coming and taking
[illegible] your work in New Brunswick [illegible] I hope that we may have
[illegible] association in our [illegible]

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Robert E. Speer

Miss Mary Caswell,

Wellesley College,

Wellesley, Mass.

My Dear Miss Caswell,-

Your kind note with reference to my [illegible] Wellesley next fall has been received. I shall, of course, re- [illegible] but I am doubtful as to whether it will be. I may have to go to the Pacific coast for the month of October and if I do, I shall not be able to go to Wellesley for any of the Sundays you mention. If I do not, it may be possible for me to come for Sunday, October 28th. I shall be glad if you will let me hold that Sunday until it is definitely decided whether I have to go west. There is a possibility that even if I do not, I may have to go that Sunday to another appointment, [illegible] be able to do.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

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May 15th, 1906.

The Rev. W. R. Stocking,

Williamstown, Mass.

My dear Mr. Stocking:

You may have heard that I have been gathering material for a biography of Dr. Cochran and have accumulated a great deal of invaluable material. What is lacking, however, is personal incident and anecdote, with reference to Dr. Cochran's early life in Persia and also the lives of his father and mother and their associates. Do you not have reminiscences of those days and anecdotes or stories which you could write out? I should be very grateful for anything that would give color to the picture of the station life in the time of your father and Dr. Cochran's father, and the time of your boyhood there.

I was in Albany last week and had a glimpse of your daughter there. I am glad that she is looking forward to the work in Persia, and grateful that the way has opened for her to go there this fall. As I told her, there is still some uncertainty about where she will go, whether it will be Urumia or Tabriz. The last letters from Urumia seem to indicate that they have invited Miss Lane, who was teaching the missionary children in Tabriz, to come over and take Miss Fleming's place at Urumia.

Dr. Labaree is on his way home, and will be here this week, and I shall find out fully from him about the situation.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

May 15th, 1906.

The Rev. J. Saunders Reed, D.D.,

Watertown, New York.

My dear Dr. Reed:

I am very much obliged for your kindness in sending me a copy of "A Missions Catechism". I think it is a very good service to put missionary information in this available form. I trust that the little book may have wide circulation.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

May 13th, 1906.

Mrs. [illegible] F. Pratt,

[illegible] Central Street,

Andover, Mass.

My Dear Mrs. Pratt:-

Your kind note of May 11th is just received. I am afraid it will not be possible for me to come to Andover next November. I already have engagements for all the Sundays of the month. If I were to be in Andover at that time, and during the sessions of the King's Daughters' Convention, I should be very glad to be of service.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 14th, 19[illegible].

[illegible] Field,

[illegible] East [illegible], Street,

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[illegible] Field,-

[illegible] obliged for the copy of Mrs. Penn-Lewis's 'The Cross of Calvary.' I shall look forward to reading it with much [illegible]

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Mr. Amos R. Wells,

Tremont Temple,

Boston, Mass.

May 12th, 1906.

My Dear Mr. Wells:-

When I read your note of the tenth this morning, with reference to an article for your paper, on the Effect of Public Speech, I was disinclined to agree to write it. For my own part, I believe that the greatest power is in purpose that disregards method except as it seeks the best method unconsciously under the driving impulse of the purpose in view. But perhaps there are some suggestions that could be made to young people that would keep them from many of the foolish and injurious things that people do in public speech. I shall write the article, accordingly, and send it to you some time within the next five or six months.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

May 15th, 1906.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Penna.

My Dear Charlie:-

Thank you very much for your good letters of May 12th and 14th. I am glad to have back the paragraph on "Mixing Things." It fits in appropriately with the mixup in the questions on the Topics for April 1st and 8th. That was a purely clerical error here. I am very sorry it occurred. I am glad that though these Young People's articles have been running for several years now, it hasn't occurred before; and I hope it may not occur again.

I have read part of Randolph's little book, and shall read the rest. It is very good so far, although I do not believe that we have any right to say that the Virgin Birth of Christ was essential to the Incarnation, and that the Incarnation could not have been without it. I do not believe that the Bible authorizes that view, and I see no logical justification for it. I believe that Christ was born of a Virgin, and I think the Gospel statements of the fact are reliable. But I do not believe that it is wise or reasonable to take the view that if older manuscripts of the New Testament should be discovered, establishing unassailably the position that the accounts of Christ's birth in Matthew and Luke are additions and interpolations, therefore we must give up our faith in the Incarnation. If we did not have those two Gospels we should now know that Christ was born of a Virgin. If we did not have those two Gospels we should not have to give up our belief in the Incarnation.

I notice that Randolph refers to a discussion of the question in a book by Bishop Hall of Vermont. Have you ever seen that discussion?

Very affectionately yours,

Frank

May 15th, 1906.

Mr. J. A. Richards,

5 Beekman Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Richards:-

I do not know of many articles on the subject of Prayer for Missions. I wrote a paper on that subject some fifteen years ago, when I was in Princeton, and it was printed as a tract, and has had a considerable circulation since. Beside that I really do not know another tract exactly on that subject. Dr. Gordon's book, "The Holy Spirit and Missions," is in reality a treatment of prayer and missions , and there are books on Prayer which would be very useful. I wish I could be of more help to you.

Very sincerely yours,

May 15th, 1906.

Mr. Henry C. Watson,

Dun's Review,

290 Broadway, N. Y. City.

My Dear Mr. Watson:-

I wish I could come to your house on Thursday evening. I am a Democrat, but entirely free to act with any independent movement, and I should like to be present. But I have to be in Princeton that evening. I hope you may have a good meeting with Mr. Record, and if any movement is started in which I can cooperate, I shall be glad to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

May fifteenth, 1906.

Mr. S. M. Sayford,

519 Tremont Temple,

Boston, Mass.

My Dear Uncle Sam:-

Your kind note of the 12th is just received. I shall be delighted to stay with you and Mrs. Sayford Sunday, the 27th. I shall not be able to get up to Boston until late Saturday evening. Suppose I come up on the train leaving New York at four o'clock, and reaching Boston at 9-45, will that be too late for you? What is the best way to get out to Newton from the South Station? and what is the first train after 9-45?

I shall have to come back on the midnight train on the 29th, as I am alone in the offices now, all my associates having gone to the General Assembly.

Very affectionately yours,

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May 15th, 1906.

Mrs. Judith C. Crawford,

Mazomanie, Wis.

My dear Mrs. Crawford:

Your kind note of May 8th was received last week and I am overjoyed to have the letters from your mother which you enclosed. They are simply invaluable. If in going over her letters further, you find other sections which you would be willing to let me see, I should be very grateful for them. The material for the biography is growing steadily and I am very much encouraged by what we have been able to get together. If it is not a useful book, and the best medical missionary's biography we have in missionary literature, it will not be the fault of the material, I think.

On one side, I wish we could get more, but I do not believe we can. I mean on the side of Dr. Cochran's religious life and expression. He was so quiet and unostentatious, that there is very little, almost nothing, in the way of personal religious experience to use, and yet I have not a little from Mr. Shedd on this side of the Dr.'s life which is very impressive.

I appreciate very much the kind invitation from you and Mr. Crawford to come and see you while in Wisconsin this summer, but I fear I shall not be able to take advantage of it. I expect to be at Lake Geneva, as usual, but I have to go there directly from Ashville, North Carolina, and go from there to Silver Bay, New York, so that there will not be an hour, even, available.

I have not started in yet on the preparation of the material for publication, as it was only this last week that I had the last

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of Dr. Cochran's earlier letters to the Board copied, and there is still material to be collected which has not come in.

You will be interested to hear that Dr. Labaree and his son are on their way home: Dr. Labaree in failing health. Robert had intended to come with him only as far as Hamburg, but has found it necessary to come all the way.

I spent a good part of yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Clement, of Buffalo, at the Hill School, at Pottstown, and we spent a good part of the evening talking over Dr. Cochran's life and Mr. Clement's earlier recollections of the family.

Very cordially yours,

May fifteenth, 1906.

Miss Grace Brinkerhoff,

1920 Williams Building,

Scranton, Pa.

My Dear Miss Brinkerhoff:-

Your kind note of May eleventh was received yesterday. I expect to be at the Young Women's Conference at Silver Bay on June 27th and 28th, but I cannot make any promises now with reference to evening delegation meetings. I think there is usually a Committee at Silver Bay which has some supervision of these meetings and some direction as to the assignment of speakers to them, and I should prefer to leave the matter to that Committee at the time.

Very cordially yours,

May 15th, 1906.

The Rev. Elliot Field,

c/o Young People's Missionary Movement,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Elliot:

I wrote a letter on May 4th to Mrs. Boyd about you, but it needed some corrections when it came to me and it did not get off. Yesterday, however, I was in Pottstown, and I saw Mr. John Boyd, Mrs. James Boyd's son, who is looking after the matter of a pastor for the Paxtang church. He told me that his mother had Dr. Halsey's letter, which I think he had with him at the time, and he had also a letter from Dr. Patterson, of Orange, about you, in reply, I think, to a letter from his mother. Dr. Patterson's letter was a very good one. Mrs. Boyd had heard some where that you were from Union and, as I told you, they are terribly conservative over there, and I think she shied off at this. I told Mr. Boyd I knew he need have no misgivings about your evangelical convictions, however.

I hope that either here or elsewhere just the right work for you may come to you and when it does come, I should like to see you strike your roots in deep around it.

Ever your friend,

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May 16th, 19[illegible].

[illegible] H. Perkins,
[illegible] Savings Bank,

[illegible]

[illegible] kind note of May 14th was received, yesterday

I shall [illegible] forward with [illegible] with Mr. Hendrick

[illegible] Mr. [illegible]. I am writing Mr. [illegible]

[illegible]

With reference to hymns and Scripture pas[illegible]

[illegible] suggest, for the morning service for the hymns, Nos. [illegible]

[illegible] the Hymnal, Scripture lesson, the second chapter of

[illegible] text, Matthew 27:42 and Acts 2:24; [illegible]

[illegible] 5, 508, Scripture lesson, [illegible]

[illegible]

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

S.

May 17th, 1906.

Mr. G. B. Neumann,
Hosmer Hall,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Neumann:

Your kind letter of May 15th has been received. Your previous letter was also received, but I was waiting until I could be able, as I hoped, to answer definitely. I still can hardly be positive as to my reply, except to say that I am sure I cannot come to the Conn. Valley Conference, for either the Saturday night or the Sunday meetings. Whether I can come for Friday night or Saturday morning or afternoon, will depend on where I am to be for Sunday. It is altogether possible that I shall have to be on the Pacific Coast for the month of October, and in that case, I could not come for any session of the Conference if you hold it in that month. If I do not go to the Coast, I shall have to be at Wellesley the last Sunday in the month and could easily stop over to speak at some one of the Saturday sessions. I do not know how soon I shall know definitely, but probably within a fortnight. As I said, however, I think it is altogether likely that I shall have to go west and so shall not here at all during the month.

Very cordially yours,

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May 17th, 1906.

Miss Marcella Brown,

1751 N. Sixteenth St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Brown:

I enclose, herewith, a copy of the paper which it is proposed to lay before the Board next Monday. Mrs. Wood is sending copies of it to the other Women's Boards for any suggestions. If it is satisfactory, we can print it here as a leaflet for use in connection with inquiries. Please do not hesitate to suggest any changes and will you not let me know if you would prefer some short action of our Board in the form of a single paragraph, which you could embody in another letter issued by you, similar to the own which you sent me in your letter.

Very cordially yours,

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May 17th, 1906.

Professor John Meigs,

Pottstown, Pa.

My dear Professor:

I have very much pleasure in introducing, herewith, Mrs. Alfred C. Hand, who hopes to have you take her boy at the Hill. Mrs. Hand's husband, who died some years ago, was a Presbyterian minister; a classmate at Yale of Mr. Clement and Mr. Parsons, who were at the Hill last Sunday. Mrs. Hand's brother, Mr. Charles Hand, was for eight years Treasurer of our Board, resigning this winter to become Vice-President of the Underwood Typewriter Co. You know the family well, of course, through Judge Hand of Scranton, who was Mrs. Hand's husband's uncle. Mr. Charles Hand is one of my very dear friends and for his sake and his brother's sake, as well as for the sake of Mrs. Hand herself, I am very glad to introduce her to you, in the hope that there may be a place in the school for her boy. He has been at Andover the last year, and Mrs. Hand will, of course, tell you all about him and her desire to have him at the Hill.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert Gibson

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[illegible] 16th, 1906.

Mr. T. M. Banks,

Englewood, [illegible]

My Dear Talcot,-

[illegible] me at home last evening. [illegible] from Joe about the Twentieth Anniversary and should certainly be there, if it were not for the fact that I have engage- [illegible] Wisconsin and Ohio which cannot be broken and which take me away from New York for that week. I am very sorry to miss the reunion.

Your [illegible] friend,

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[illegible]

Boston, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Shelby,-

Your kind letter with reference to the Memphis Convention of the Brotherhood is just received. I am sorry it will not be possible to be present. I shall probably have to go to Pacific coast for the month of October, and, if I do not, will have to be busy with [illegible] which holds its annual meeting during [illegible]. I am sorry I am not free to accept your [illegible]on. I remember with great pleasure the other [illegible] of the Brotherhood which I have attended. I like the fellowship of the convention and I like the spirit and should rejoice to be of any help to you.

Very cordially yours,

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May 17th, 1906.

Mrs. Alfred C. Hand,

1611 Race St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Hand:

I have very much pleasure in enclosing, herewith, a note of introduction to Professor Meigs. I am so glad that you plan to take Alfred there.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

S.

May 17th, 1906.

The Rev. Harlan P. Beach,

3 W. 29th, St., City.

My dear Mr. Beach:

I enclose, herewith, a copy of a letter which I have just written to Miss Wales. I am afraid it will not be of much use to her as a letter to be read, but if the information which reached me is correct, I think it is important to give them some good advice in time of considerable possibility of mistake.

Very cordially yours,

S.

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Miss Theodosia Wales,
Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

My dear Miss Wales:

I am glad to learn from Mr. Beach, that he and Mrs. Beach will be able to attend the Conference at Vassar this Saturday and Sunday. He asked me to write you my opinion ofthe whole project, which I am very glad to do. Since talking with Mr. Beach, however, I have learned from another source that either the project has changed since my talk with you, or I failed to understand just what you had in view. I gathered from our conversation that what you contemplated was Vassar's undertaking the student work in Tokio, under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association. I have since been told, however, that the Conference is to inter-collegiate, and that the proposition to be discussed is the establishment of an inter-collegiate women's missionary society, and that the question is an open one as to whether it will undertake general missionary work in Japan, India or China.

It may be that the information which has come to me is inaccurate, but I will say frankly that I do not see the need of the establishment of such a society, and that the idea of an inter-collegiate organisation does not appeal to me. The Young Women's Christian Association is already an inter-collegiate organization, and I do not believe there is need of any other.

I think the idea of Vassar's undertaking to support and equip with workers the student Young Women's Christian Association

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Miss Theodosia Wales. -2-

in Tokio, working through and under the direction of an American Committee, is an excellent one, although, to be entirely frank with you, I should like to see the Vassar Christian Association placed on the evangelical basis before this is done.

But I do not see the necessity of any new inter-collegiate organization, either to carry on Young Women's Christian Association work abroad, or to do general missionary work. If any college wishes to do general missionary work and its constituency is inter-denominational, I should think it would be best for it to work through one of the Christian Associations, or the Women's Union Missionary Society, which is doing excellent work; which has an honorable history and which is inter-denominational in its character. If the work to be done is not general missionary work, but work for young women and special student or factory women, the best agency is the Y.W.C.A. They are already organized for just the work and they need both workers and support.

In a word, therefore, I should be heartily in favour of Vassar's taking up the Tokio work under the direction of the Y.W.C.A., with the understanding that the time is ri~~ght~~ for it, and that the cordial support of the students and the alumnae can be secured. Such a movement ought to be a great example and inspiration to other colleges also.

I hope you may have a good Conference, and I wish I could have accepted your invitation to be with you.

Very cordially yours,

Robert C. Ogden

May 17th, 1906.

Mr. William S. Coffin,

Care W. & J. Sloan,

Broadway & 18th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Coffin:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received. I am afraid there is no possibility of my being able to accept your invitation for next October or November. I shall probably have to be on the Pacific Coast for the month of October, and if I do not go, have already tentative engagements for all my Sundays in October and also in November. None of these engagements are here in New York, but are all away from the city.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

May seventeenth, 1906.

Mr. Calvin W. Hendrick,

1301 North Charles Street,

Baltimore, Maryland.

My Dear Mr. Hendrick:-

Mr. Perkins has written of your very kind invitation to me to stay with you while in Baltimore, this coming Sunday. I appreciate very much your kind hospitality, which I shall be glad to accept. One of our oldest missionaries from Persia is on his way home, and his steamer is due on Saturday, and I wish to meet him if possible, so that I cannot say on what train I shall be down. It will be on some one of the late evening trains, however, and I shall hope to get to your house not later than ten o'clock. I shall have no difficulty in finding my way, and trust you will not go to the trouble of having anyone meet me. I will come down on the B. & O. I must come back on the midnight sleeper Sunday night, in order to be here Monday morning, as all my associates are at the General Assembly, and I have to be here early in the morning.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

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Mr. E. C. Emerson,

Titusville, Pa.

My dear Mr. Emerson:

I suppose you will be going off to York Harbor soon. The last few days here give one a great desire to get away into northern New England.

I wanted to send you a copy of the enclosed address in which you may be interested and I wanted to tell you, also, what I know will interest you, although you will be sorry to hear it, that we came out $72,000.00 behind on the last years work. I enclose a copy of the last statement of the Treasurer. It is encouraging to see the large advance of the churches, as you will notice, that gained as much as the legacies fell off. We do not fall far behind our receipts of last year. It was the increased expenditure which accounted for the most part for the deficit. We shall need to raise this coming year about $1,200,000.00, not taking into account any of the obligations which are sure to arise during the year. With warm regards, I am,

Your sincere friend,

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If you are [illegible] for [illegible] missionary [illegible] to [illegible] mer, I should like to suggest the Rev. J. J. [illegible], D.D., of Allahabad, India, and his family. Dr. [illegible] with his family [illegible] one of the [illegible] able and [illegible] blessing and [illegible] [illegible] here [illegible] [illegible] this, [illegible] you [illegible] to [illegible] for the [illegible] will be [illegible]

death. [illegible] will [illegible] longer [illegible] within [illegible] you [illegible] address them c/o [illegible] Kelford, [illegible]

Miss [illegible] for a few days. [illegible] will be coming back to see us [illegible]

Mrs. Speer and the children to go the early part of July, but there is a possibility that Mrs. Speer may go to Europe with some friends who have invited her to go with them, and she would not get back until the close [illegible]

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My Dear Will,

I [illegible] about [illegible] will [illegible] I [illegible] thing that [illegible] worth your while. [illegible] letter [illegible] him.

[illegible] received from Miss [illegible] [illegible] she will be glad to [illegible] any of them, [illegible] I think I had better not [illegible] until I can [illegible] up the pile that [illegible]. [illegible] that are on [illegible] I do [illegible] I could be bought [illegible]

The Rev. [illegible], D.D., asked [illegible]

[illegible] Little House in [illegible] then one of the editors of the Independent. Independent began to dilute its religion [illegible] missionary department, he was out. [illegible] Appeals of Missions and has done other [illegible] is a man of good editorial capacity. I told him the only thing of the sort that I could think of at [illegible] was the reports of the conventions, but [illegible] less you had this already arranged and systematized so that it involves little le-

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President George Harris,

Amherst, Mass.

My Dear President Harris:-

Your very kind note has been received. I have already promised to go to the Hill School for the opening Sunday there on September 30th, and I am in doubt as to what I can do in October, as I may have to go to the Pacific Coast for that month. If I am at home, I could come up to Amherst for the second Sunday of the month - the fourteenth. I ought to know definitely within a fortnight as to whether I shall have to go to the Coast or not. Would it be possible to hold October 14th open until I can let you know definitely?

With reference to a second Sunday, which you kindly suggest, I should be glad to arrange for that if possible, but I have all the other Sundays which would fall during the term time either tentatively or finally provided for, I think. There will be some shifts, however, perhaps by the time it is settled as to whether I am going West in October. I can let you know also as to whether there will be an open Sunday in the winter or spring in which I can come. Please do not let this interfere, however, with your arranging finally for this later Sunday.

With kind regards to Mrs. Harris.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Miss G. R. Ballard,

7 East 18th St., City.

My dear Miss Ballard:

Your very kind note, expressing the hope that Mrs. Speer might come with me Monday evening, and offering to have a cab at the door afterwards, has been received. I appreciate very much your kind thoughtfulness. I am afraid, however, that Mrs. Speer will not be able to come in, and I shall not have far to walk after the meeting to catch my car, and hope you will not go to the trouble you suggest. Looking forward with very much pleasure to the meeting, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.

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Mr. F. B. Turner,

3 West 29th St., City.

My dear Turner:

I return, herewith, a copy of the national address, corrected, for use as a leaflet.

With reference to the style, Mrs. Thurston's leaflet is an excellent model, but it is too expensive. I do not know what you sell that for, but I should judge that even in large quantities, a leaflet printed in that style would cost at least two cents. That is too expensive for gratuitous distribution, which is, I suppose, the use that the Southern Presbyterians and the United Presbyterians contemplate making of it. If you can supply a leaflet in that form, in large quantities, at one cent a piece, perhaps it would be best to get it out in that shape. If you cannot, then I think it would be better to have you consider some cheaper form, such as that in which ~~the Episcopal Board and~~ our Board printed the paper of Dr. Brown's, entitled, "Truth and Falsehood about Korea Missionaries", a copy of which I am enclosing.

I am sorry I have not had time to write the "friendship" article. If I can do it to-morrow, in Baltimore, between church services, I shall be glad to do it, in which case I shall send it to you on Monday or Tuesday.

Very cordially yours,

[signature]

Carried over the judge proofs

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May 21st, 1906.

Professor S. R. Winans,

Princeton, N.J.

My dear Professor Winans:

I have a letter from Mrs. Emma C. Stuart, with reference to a tutor for her son. I suggested some time ago her writing to you regarding Mr. Barnes. I am afraid, however, from what Mr. Barnes told me Thursday evening, when I saw him in Princeton that he has already accepted an engagement in California. Mrs. Stuart had hoped to have some one with her before this, so that she could have an opportunity to judge of his adaptation to the place before she sails for Europe, on June 29th. She is taking her son with her and was expecting, of course, her son's tutor to accompany them. Is there any good man whom you can suggest, who might be available forthe place? I have never met the boy, but I have known about him for some years, having been consulted by Mrs. Stuart a number of times with reference to him. He is a boy who did not have the disciplinary hand on him which he should have had when he was young. He has been accustomed to have his own way, getting it by authority, by cajolery, or, in the case of servants, by bribery. Mrs. Stuart has been anxious to have a medical student, or a young doctor, for a tutor, because the boy needs a firm hand on him in the matter of his habits. The tutor must be a man of thorough christian character and of the kind of pleasing personality, that will enable him to handle this sort of boy. Do you know of any one who would be available? If so, could you communicate directly with Mrs. Stuart, whose address is, 4368 Lindell Blvd.,

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Prof. S. R. Winans. -2-

St. Louis, Mo.

The boy will have plenty of money within a few years and for the sake of society, which has a right to demand ~~elected a man~~ that he should use his money wisely, and for his mother's sake, as well as for the sake of the boy's own character, I am anxious to help the mother to find some one who will do a piece of honest missionary educational work on the boy.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer.

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May 21st, 1906.

Miss Susan M. Clute,

289 Fourth Ave.,

New York City.

My dear Miss Clute:

Thank you very much for your note of May 12th, with the enclosed ~~telegram~~ program of the platform at Silver Bay. I shall be glad to speak at the three meetings you have suggested and at one of them on the subject of prayer. Miss Sanford is coming down next week to talk this over, I believe, with a view to some little leaflet which has to be prepared with reference to the prayer life.

Mrs. Speer told me that in view of other arrangements for the presentation of missions, I could take some other subject, instead of the one on the need of missions in Mohammedan lands. If you have any other suggestions at any other time, please let me have them.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

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May 21st, 1906.

Mr. G. A. Reinl,

812 Main St.,

Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Reinl:

The address to which you referred will be printed as a leaflet by the Student Volunteer Movement, 3 West 29th St., New York City. I have just corrected the copy for the printer.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

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May 21st, 1906.

Mr. Don S. Gates,

458 Boylston St.,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Gates:

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation to speak at the ~~reinstating of~~ reception to the new [illegible] at the Institute of Technology next fall. My work here will make it impossible for me to come.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

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Mr. Thomas E. Evans,

Howard Heuston Hall,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Tom:

I enclose, herewith, a copy of a letter which I have just written to Prof. Winans of Princeton. Do you know of any man who could be recommended for the place?

Ever your friend,

Robert E. Speer

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May 21st, 1906.

Mr. Dumont Clark, Jr.,

Princeton, N.J.

My dear Dumont:

I am sending you enclosed and in confidence, a copy of a letter which I have just written to Prof. Winans. Can you help any way in the matter?

Very cordially yours,

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May 21st, 1906.

Dr. Henry B. Wright,

New Haven, Conn.

My dear Dr. Wright:

I enclose, herewith, a copy of a letter which I have just written to Prof. Winan's of Princeton. Do you know of any man who could be recommended for this place?

Ever your friend,

May 21st, 1906.

Mrs. E. C. Stuart,

4368 Lindell Blvd.,

St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Stuart:

Your letter regarding a tutor for your son was received yesterday. I have written to Princeton, to Yale and to the University of Penna., in the hope of being able to find the right kind of a man for you. Dr. McCracken, to whom you referred, has gone out to China. He would be a splendid man if he were available.

The only available man of whom I can think at the moment, is Mr. Elliot Field. He is a graduate of Haverford College and Union Theological Seminary and has been recently connected with the Christian work among young people in this city. I saw Mr. Field the other day and I think he would be free. I should have no hesitation whatever, in recommending him so far as character is concerned, and I am inclined to think that any boy would like him and glad to be in association with him. At the same time I should like to have you judge for yourself. I am sorry I did not think of him at the time you were here, so that he could have gone to see you.

I shall keep the matter in mind and make further inquiries, and let you know if I hear anything that would be helpful to you.

Very cordially yours,

Robert McCracken

May 21st, 1906.

Miss Dorathea Day,

Catskill, New York.

My Dear Miss Day:-

I shall be glad to speak at the Missionary Conference hour on June 28th, on the subject you suggest.

Very cordially yours,

May 21st, 1906.

The Rev. A. E. Funk,

Nyack, New York.

My Dear Mr. Funk:-

Your kind note with reference to the Institute Commencement was received. I wish I could have the pleasure of coming up to the exercises, but my associates are away at the General Assembly now, and that ties me down to the office here. I hope you may have a good day.

Very cordially yours,

May 21st, 1906.

Miss Primrose Wolverton,

Vassar College,

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

My Dear Miss Wolverton:-

I was very glad to get your kind letter of the 18th. I was not without suspicion that the report which had been brought to me was misleading, but I thought the only wise thing was to write directly to Miss Wales.

I hope you had a very good Conference, and that it may result in a great enlargement of the missionary interest in all the Women's Colleges represented.

Very cordially yours,

May 21st, 1906.

Mrs. Clarence E. Beebe,

179 West 73rd Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Beebe:-

I am very much obliged for your kind note with reference to the Commencement Exercises this evening. I am very sorry that you have not been well, and trust that a good rest this summer may make you quite strong by fall.

With kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

May 21st, 1906.

E. S. McMurtrie, Esq.,

Huntingdon, Penna.

My Dear Uncle Stewart:-

I promised to let you know the amount which our Porter paid on your trunks. He says the expressage across Hoboken to Jersey City, was $2.25, and that he paid the Porter 25 cents for taking the trunks from the pier to the wagon. I paid our man, accordingly, $2.50.

I hope that you and Aunt Clara have got safely home, and trust that Aunt Clara may find some good maid.

With much love from Emma and me,

Your affectionate Nephew,

Robert Shaw

May 23rd, 1906.

Mr. Raymond S. Rogers,

Lehigh University,

South Bethlehem, Penna.

My Dear Mr. Rogers:-

Your kind note of yesterday is received. I am sorry it will not be possible for me to arrange to come over for any Sunday next college year. I have already practically all my Sundays either definitely or tentatively arranged for. As for some Friday visit, I cannot now speak. I should be glad to come over again if it is possible, but it grows increasingly hard to get so much time away from the office. If, however, some time in the fall you will write to me, I can then let you know whether it will be possible to get away for a Friday meeting during the week.

Very cordially yours,

May 23rd, 1906.

Mrs. J. C. Crawford,

Menomanie, Wisconsin.

My Dear Mrs. Crawford:-

I am very grateful for the two additional instalments of extracts from your Mother's letters. I have not been able to read them yet, but know from what the others were, how valuable these will be.

You will probably have heard of Dr. Labaree's death on the steamer returning to the United States. Fortunately, his son Robert waswith him, and brought the body home. - The cause of the death was cancer.

Very cordially yours,

May 23rd, 1906.

Miss Mary E. Rogers,

Mt. Holyoke College,

South Hadley, Mass.

My Dear Miss Rogers:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received. I have promised to go to Amherst for Sunday, October the 14th, in case I do not go to the Pacific Coast for that month. I think it is very likely that I shall have to go to California, however, and shall be unable to avail myself of your invitation to attend your Mission Study Rally. As for October 28th, I have already promised to go to Wellesley for that Sunday in case I do not go West.

Very cordially yours,

May 23rd, 1906.

Mr. Henry N. Tifft,

106 West 27th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Mr. Tifft:-

The absence of my associates at the General Assembly and my own engagements here will make it impossible for me to get up to Dobbs Ferry, on Friday afternoon. I am very sorry that I cannot be present at the semi-annual inspection.

Very sincerely yours,

May 23rd, 1906.

Mr. E. B. Buckelew,

Calder Building,

Harrisburgh, Penna.

My Dear Senator:-

Can you send me two copies of the Report of the State Convention at Scranton several years ago? If you haven't got two to spare, I should be grateful for one.

Very cordially yours,

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Miss Mary Caswell,

Wellesley College,

Wellesley, Mass.

My Dear Miss Caswell,-

Your very kind note of yesterday is just received. It will not be possible for me to come to Wellesley for October 7th, even if I do not go to California, and I am sorry to have to say that it looks very much now as though I should have to go, and so be prevented from coming even for the 28th, but I shall let you know regarding this latter date definitely later.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

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May 23rd, 1906.

President E. Y. Mullins, D. D.,

Norton Hall,

Louisville, Kentucky.

My Dear Dr. Mullins:-

Your very kind note of the 21st is just received. I am sorry it will not be possible for me to come down to Louisville for December first. I have already engagements in Pennsylvania for December second, and our Board meets here in the afternoon of December third, and I shall have to be here at that time. I am sorry that it is not possible for me at once to accept your cordial invitation. If at any later date you wish to have me come, and I can arrange to do so, I shall be glad to come. Practically all my Sundays, however, are engaged for the coming year, and it is not easy to get away for the two or three days necessary to make a weekday visit to Louisville.

Very cordially yours,

May 23rd, 1906.

Mr. W. R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My Dear Will:-

Your two letters of the 21st are just received. I am sending you by this mail a copy of our Annual Report just out, at the back of which is a list of our missionaries and addresses. I shall be glad if all our missionaries could secure the Record.

I was very to get the telegram on Saturday, telling of Mrs. Whittle's death, and should have come up at once if it had not been for engagements that kept me here. Sunday I had to be in Baltimore, and Saturday and Monday were taken up with preparations for the funeral of Dr. Labaree, one of our old missionaries, who died on shipboard on his way home.

I enclose a note from Mr. Wood, of the Episcopal Board of Missions, with reference to Mr. Hughson. I have heard of him also from other quarters, but nothing more than this which is contained in Wood's letter.

I am so sorry to know that you have had so much sickness, and hope that the warmer weather of the spring may be a good thing for you all.

Very affectionately yours,

May 23rd, 1905.

Mr. Dumont Clark, Jr.,

Princeton, N. J.

My Dear Dumont:-

Howard Richards writes of two 1907 men, Smith and Widebotham, who, he says, are both good men and want to go out to the mission field for educational work. I am inclined to think he means Sidebotham, and I do not know whether these men would be ready go go next fall. But we are wanting a man to teach in our school in Santiago, Chili, about which I think I have spoken to you before. I enclose herewith a little statement regarding it, containing the contract which we are authorized to make. Dr. Browning writes that I can make the term three years instead of five, if that will secure any man who could not go for a longer period. Do you know any man in the senior class who would be willing to take up this work?

Very cordially yours,

May 23rd, 1936.

Mr. Dumont Clarke, Jr.,
Princeton, N.J.

My Dear Dumont,-

Your kind note, with its enclosed check, has been received. I am very happy to have been of any help to you during the work of the year and shall be glad to do anything I can in the coming year.

Your sincere friend,

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May 24th, 1906.

Mr. John W. Baer,

Marshfield, Mass.

My dear John:

I was delighted to get your letter, but I am not at all delighted to know that you have been laid up again. My conscience troubles me for never having taken you in charge as your athletic trainer. I will undertake to do that for part of the summer and John Stone will do it for the rest, if you will be wise and come up to Diamond Pond with us. We will guarantee to turn you out fit to run for at least five years without any of the wheels getting off their diamond bearing, or the main-spring breaking. We have no marshes up our way and you must get away from all this damp malarial country. If you will come with us, we will do our best to do you good. I saw Stone on Sunday, and last week he sent me a fine new fly book.

I am glad you have not had to go to the Assembly, but I am sorry you have had this reason for staying away. Please take a good rest and get well. You may be sure that I will be thinking often of you.

With reference to October, I questioned whether the disturbed conditions on the coast might not make it wise to give up going out there this fall. A letter from Dr. Walker, and Dr. Mills in personal conversation, urged me not to give it up and, of course, I told Dr. Mills that your inauguration in October would be a strong argument in favour of going this fall. I am inclined to think, accordingly, that I shall go, though I shall wait for a few more letters from the coast, in answer to inquiries

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of mine.

I talked over an itinerary with Dr. Mills. The Synod of Washington will probably be on October 4th and of Oregon on October 10th and of California on the 17th. My idea was to [illegible] these Synods and, in addition, Tacoma, Seattle and Portland, in the north, and if there is time, perhaps the State Universities, and in California, the Synod which will be at San Rafael, I believe, and Oakland, San José and San Francisco, together with Berkeley and Stanford Universities. Dr. Mills suggests, also, a little spiritual conference immediately after the Synod, closing, say, the evening of October 23rd or 24th, so that I could be in Los Angeles on the morning of the 25th, in time for your inauguration that day, or Friday the 26th. Monday the 29th I should have to start back East. How does this skedule strike you? Please let me have any suggestions.

The Des Moines papers are very poor in their account of the Assembly. Dr. Corbett is Moderator, you know. One of the Des Moines papers had a cartoon of him in, which was one of the choicest cartoons I have ever seen. With warm love, I am,

Ever your friend,

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Miss Miriam Hathaway,

College Hall,

Wellesley, Mass.

My Dear Miss Hathaway:-

I am sorry to have to say it will not be possible for me to come to Wellesley for October seventh. Miss Caswell and Miss Sage have both written very kindly inviting me; but if I do not go to the Pacific Coast for October, as I probably shall have to so, I shall have another engagement here for the seventh.

Very cordially yours,

May 23rd, 1906.

Mr. Charles J. Hines,

410 East Chase Street,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Hines:-

I enclose herewith a copy of the clipping from the New York Sun, containing the story which I told Sunday evening.

Very sincerely yours,

May 22nd, 1906.

Mr. F. Murray Oliphant,

Englewood, N.J.

My Dear Mr. Oliphant,-

At the meeting of the session last [illegible], I made a report on the hymn-books, recommending that [illegible] Presbyterian Hymnal and that arrangements be made to supply the [illegible] number, the books being the property of the church. The report [illegible] adopted and the committee was continued to report at the next [illegible] with reference to the financial end.

The Presbyterian Board of Publication [illegible] that they [illegible] to take in exchange all the books we now have in the church, [illegible] lowing fifty cents for each copy. If we buy the [illegible] edition, which is the best edition of the Presbyterian Hymnal, if we have [illegible] of the old Hymnals, we could get three hundred of the new ones for $210. For all copies of the new one, in excess of three hundred, we would have to pay $1.50 each, so that five hundred copies, on the supposition that we have three hundred old ones available, would [illegible] them $450. Some of these old Hymnals, however, are not the property of the church, but belong to individuals, and we would have to find out how many of them could be turned in against the new books. Also we ought to make a careful calculation as to whether we shall need as many as five hundred, and also, I think, we may possibly be able to get a little further reduction.

The two points we will need to consider definitely before the next meeting of the session, are, first, how many books will we need and exactly how much will they cost, and, second, how shall we provide

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this money?

Shall we ask the trustees whether they agree to use any funds they have on hand towards this purpose, or shall we solicit a few individual subscriptions toward the cost of the new books?

The question was raised as to whether we might not reduce the cost by putting in some books containing the words without the music and also whether we might not reduce the number of books by practically omitting the gallery?

Very cordially yours,

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This is the letter I toed you of last [illegible]

Mr. A. F. [illegible]

My dear Mr. Davidson,

In behalf of the young men of our church in Englewood and also in behalf of the session of the church, I have been asked to ask you for some help which we believe, if you are willing to give it, will greatly help the young men. As you probably know, they have been holding for several years a young men's meeting, sometimes Sunday evening and sometimes in the afternoon. The attendance has ranged from eight or ten to thirty or more. Most of the [illegible] have been devotional meetings conducted by the young men, and occasionally there have been addresses by men from the outside, and recently Mr. Guilemay gave a series of talks which were in reality conferences on missionary questions and countries. A special committee has had charge of these meetings and has been considering what could be done to make them more efficient, and we believe that if next winter two or three of the meetings out of each month could be turned into a young men's Bible class and if you would teach it, it would help greatly to enlarge the attendance and to increase the [illegible] of the meeting. The young men all like you, those who are accustomed to come regularly, and the [illegible] meetings if they were made a young [illegible]. If you felt you could take only two a month, one could be continued as a devotional meeting as at present, and one could be made a missionary meeting or there could be an address by some outside speaker. Will you not do this? It will be good for the young men, it will be good for the church and it will be good for you. If you can say "Yes," please do so at once, but if you feel that you cannot, please do not

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Miss Pauline Sage,

Wellesley College,

Wellesley, Mass.

My Dear Miss Sage:-

Your kind letter was received yesterday. I have already written to Miss Caswell and Miss Hathaway, telling them that it will not be possible for me to come for October seventh. If I do not go to the Pacific Coast for October 1st, as I probably shall have to, I have another engagement for the seventh which will keep me here. If I could come for the seventh I should be glad to try to do all that you suggest.

It will be a pleasure to see you next Sunday if you come over to the Eliot Church.

Very cordially yours,

May 24th, 1906.

Mr. W. R. Moody,
East Northfield, Mass.

My Dear Will:—

Kumm's case is one of the most difficult with which a man has to deal. I have no doubt of his earnestness and his Christian character. I have no doubt, further, of the need of missionary work in Nigeria; but to give you my frank opinion, and in perfect confidence, I never know how much solid fact there is in statements by the Guinnesses, and while Mr. Kumm is not a Guinness by blood, he is in by marriage, and he is old Dr. Guinness over again, as far as I can make out, in his temper and character. I do not like to oppose or discourage his proposed Mission, and have not done so; but, on the other hand, I have not supported it, and it is not the sort of thing with which I am prepared to ally myself.

Dr. Kumm has been in at least one, and I think, two missionary enterprises in the Eastern Soudan, and I have been told by the United Presbyterian people that he was not regarded over there as the most dependable sort of man.

With reference to his Nigeria Mission, I would say that I have written to friends in England, who are of the highest reliability, and I learn from one of them that one of the Church of England men, who is just home from Nigeria, informs my friend that the British authorities in Nigeria would probably not allow Dr. Kumm's Mission to be continued, at least in the district where he is. My friend says that he thinks it is because their methods of work are deemed indiscreet and likely to give trouble. This may or may not be correct, but it is the judgment of one of the men in England to whom I would turn first for the reliable opinion of any English missionary enterprise.

I am not overawed by the names attached to the statements you enclose. My experience has shown me that these lists of reference got up in England and Scotland are not worth the paper they are written on. To be sure, you can get my

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just such meaningless lists here. The only safe thing is to find out from reliable men who will not allow the use of their names unless they are personally acquainted with the facts. I notice, however, that the signers of this statement say nothing about Dr. Kumm. They merely certify to the need of Northern Nigeria, and while they are good men, they do not constitute the Executive Committee which has charge of the Mission. I do not know of what standing that Committee is, as the names of its members are unfamiliar to me, with the exception of Dr. Kumm and Dr. Grattan Guinness.

I have never heard Dr. Kumm speak but once, and then I heard only part of what he said. It was very much like his father-in-law, and one statement at least I thought needed qualification.

Mr. Hodge, who is acting as the treasurer in Philadelphia, is a good fellow, but a little verdant, and with no knowledge whatever of the facts, except as he gets them from Dr. Kumm and Mrs. Howard Taylor.

In justice to Kumm, I think it should be said that he is probably entirely unselfish. I believe he would be glad if our Board or any responsible Board or any Committee representing the Boards here, would take this Mission entirely off his hands. I believe he would be perfectly willing to give it over to them, and give ~~it~~ his time and strength to support their enterprise. I wish we were in shape to do this. But we are not; and we would not of course without sending our own men in to investigate. This Mission may turn out all right, or it may be a short-lived venture.

For myself, I would not go out under a Mission with Dr. Kumm as a leader. It is not the type of judgment and character to which I would commit myself. There is too much of the ecstatic, and not enough of the hard tenacity which I want to see in any movement with which I am identified.

I see from the typewritten letter which you enclose, that most of the men who signed the printed letter do also personally endorse Dr. Kumm. All I can say is that they evidently view the use of their names with a much lighter sense of responsibility than I view the use of mine. I think these Britishers, however,

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view the matter of exploration and adventure in Africa and the other lands a good deal more lightly than we do. They are constantly wandering all over the world, and to start a Mission, even though it is not long lived, does not seem to them as responsible a proceeding as it does to us.

In one word, my attitude toward Dr. Kumm's work has been not to support it and not to oppose it. I have not meant to be noncommittal about it, but have tried to get from England the facts. If they were more positive and full, I would not be. Kumm and tell him to drop his Mission. But they are not sufficiently full and explicit for that. The Mission may turn out to be a fairly good sort of Mission. If so, none of the credit of it will belong to me, and I am willing that those shall have it who deserve it.

The Rev. E. J. Lucas, D. D., from India, would be a good man for you to get at Northfield for the August Conference. There is no sensationalism about him, but he is a man of God and a friend of Christ. He is one of our men, and would always be addressed here.

If I haven't answered your inquiries about Dr. Kumm explicitly enough, let me know what else you would like to have me say.

Very affectionately yours,

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May 21st, 1906.

The Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D.,

166 Fifth Ave., City.

My dear Dr. Thompson:

I had a call this week from Dr. Robert Borland, of Wuchang, China. Dr. Borland desires to find a place in medical missionary work, preferably in the Phillipines or in the West Indies, and under the American flag. He is a Scotchman, and was working for some years in San Francisco, in connection with Dr. Condit of our Chinese work. He says that some six or eight years ago he applied to our Board for work as a medical missionary, but the Board was financially unable to appoint him, and he went to China under the American Episcopal mission. He is now returned on furlough and does not expect to go back to China in connection with that mission. He says that he and the present Bishop did not get along with entire harmony and he thinks the reason is partly that before the present Bishop was appointed, he took issue with him as to some properties and partly, he thinks, it is due to one member of the mission who thinks that Dr. Borland is not a sufficiently good Episcopalian.

I sent him down to your office, but you were all gone to the Assembly, and he wishes me to bring his name before you with reference to the work in Porto Rico. I do so at his request.

He says that he can refer to Dr. Lloyd, of the Episcopal Board. If you wish to take the matter up at all, I think it would be well for you to consult Dr. Lloyd, also Mr. Howard Richard, of the Episcopal Mission in Wuchang, who is now at home and could be

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addressed in Dr. Lloyd's care. I wish there were time, also, to have you consult Bishop Roots, of Wuchang, if you wish to press the matter. I know Bishop Roots well, and he is absolutely straight and reliable and fair.

I had quite a little talk with Dr. Borland and while I did not wish to prejudice you against him, I will say frankly that I would not advocate his appointment by our Board. He seems to me a little stiff and there was not enough evidence of the superior grip of the evangelical motive upon him.

He has a wife and two children, boys. His address for June will be: Redan Cottage, Seaside Place, Aberdeen. Fife, Scotland, and after June, c/o Richard Sandilands, The Rockery, 97 New St., Russelburgh, Scotland.

Very cordially yours,

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May 23rd, 1906.

Miss Charlotte S. Murdoch, M.D.,
Westminster Chapel,
Buckingham Gate,
London, S.W., Eng.

My dear Dr. Murdoch:

I remember you and your sister and your other sisters and your father all very well and was delighted to have your letter of April 7th. I have not forgotten that you were with Dr. Morgan and have been glad of any word that came in any way regarding your work in London.

I was very glad to get your letter and to know that you were getting near the time when there is hope of your going out to the foreign field. I do sincerely trust that you will fully consider the possibilities of going out in connection with our own church here, before you turn to the English Congregationalists.

So far as the doctrinal matter is concerned, if you have gotten nearer to the Bible than the Westminster Confession has done, you need not have any misgivings. If you will take the revised version of the Confession, with the short statement, I think you will probably find that there is nothing there which would make you uncomfortable and in any case you would never be asked to bring all you intellectual convictions as tightly under the Westminster Confession as might be expected of ordained ministers. And after all, it is the Bible more than the Westminster Confession which is the foundation of our church and if anyone can appeal to the former against the latter, he will be secure. You will have no trouble, I am sure, any-

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where you are likely to go.

If you could let me know some time the points wherein you think you have vered off from what you believe to be the real position of our church, I should be glad to advise you further, but I do not believe that you have gone off in any such sense as would interfere in the slightest degree with your happiness and efficiency in our own church.

As to a field of work, we are looking just now for at least three women medical missionaries and I should hope that there would not be difficulty in suggesting things that you and your sister would be glad to consider as opportunities for using all the training and special experience which you have had.

Please let me know of any way in which I can be of help to you.

Your sincere friend,

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The Rev. Henry Wilds Smith,

Lee, Massachusetts.

My Dear Mr. Smith,-

I had not intended to let so much time pass before thanking you for your good letter of March 30th, with its account of its ordination. I read with much interest your statement of belief and was glad of its positive emphasis. I do think that the men, who in this day are spending their strength in mere criticism or in the putting forth of negative influences, are making a sorry waste of their lives. It was that rather than anything particularly objectionable in his views which seemed to me the unhappy thing in Dr. Crapsey, whom the Episcopalians have found guilty of heresy. We are living in a world of men who are fighting sin and battling for character. What they need is a positive message and our business is to preach it to them. I am glad you are doing this.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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May 24th, 1906.

The Rev. J. R. Miller, D.D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Dr. Miller,-

I enclose herewith a few notes for "Forward", if you should care for them.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

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The Rev. T. H. Root,
Alton, R.I.

My Dear Mr. Root,-

I received some time ago the copy of the volume of addresses on St. John, and the accompanying circulars and outlines of Professor Riggs' studies. I had hoped to read them before this, but have not had time to do so, and must not delay acknowledging their receipt and thanking you for your kindness. I shall hope to read the book shortly and shall write a little review note of it for the "Record of Christian Work".

I wish I might have been present at the Conferences. It was an admirable idea and I am glad that the results are embodied permanently in this volume.

Very cordially yours,

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May 24th, 1906.

Mrs. W. McBride,

Oxford, Miss.

My Dear Mrs. McBride,-

I had not meant to let so much time pass before writing to thank you for your good letter of March 28th and the enclosed letters from your boys. I am sorry that they did not get all that we could have wished for them from the convention. I trust what influence it had upon them has not died away and that every one of them may give his life unreservedly to Christ for his service and control.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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May 24th, 1906.

Mr. C. G. Trumbull,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Charlie,-

Your good letter of the 21st was received yesterday. I must confess I had forgotten about the article on the "child and the world's religions", but I shall try to write it for you tonight. I foresee, however, from what attention I have been able to give to it that it is no easy task.

Very affectionately yours,

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Later — I have written the article

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President John H. W. Haas,
Allentown, Pa.

My Dear President Haas,-

Your very kind note has been received. If some time during the winter I am in your vicinity, I shall be glad to come and speak at Muhlenburg College, but I have at present no engagements with which I could combine a visit to the college.

Thanking you heartily for your kindness, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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May 24th, 1906.

Mr. Nelson Thomasson, Jr.,
85 Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Thomasson,-

I remember very well the night when you and some other members of the Princeton Glee Club stopped at my house, and I was glad to receive your note of March 16th, recalling the time. I am glad to know of your present location and work and wish you every success.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 24th, 1906.

Mr. John M. Holmes,
c/o Snare & Triest,
Foot of Hudson Street,
Jersey City, N.J.

My Dear Jack,-

I was glad to get, this morning, your note of the 22nd, and to know that you are well into the work under Snare & Triest. I do not think that I had better dip into the matter in regard to wages. I had a talk with Mr. Snare the other day and he said that they were looking for men who could carry responsibility and that you had your chance to work right up, so that I have no doubt that if you will be patient, you will find that you can make headway with practically no barrier in front of you. If I were you, I would just do all the work within reach and ask for more, but I am inclined to think it would be far better for you to handle things directly with the superintendant than to take them up at present with Mr. Snare.

I shall hope to see you before very long, either here or some time in Englewood.

Your sincere friend,

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Mr. H. J. Neal,

Lakewood, N.J.

My Dear Mr. Neal,-

Your very kind note of yesterday is just received. I shall be glad to accept your kind invitation to be your guest during my stay at Lakewood. I shall not be able to get down till the train leaving New York at 4.50 and arriving in Lakewood at 6.25, and I shall have to come back the next morning.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. John E. Miller,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mr. Miller:--

Since our talk on the train last evening, I have seen the head of the Presbyterian Publication office here, and find that 500 copies of the Hymnal, with best binding and including the Psalter (which is the same as the one we now use) will cost $350, regardless of any return of the old books. The Presbyterian Publication Board will take them if we do not want them, but there will be no difference in the price of the new books. Our order would be large enough to get us the best wholesale price.

This is a better proposition than the one I stated to you. I hope you will feel willing to assent to the change if we can provide for it financially.

Very cordially yours,

May 25th, 1906.

Mr. J. W. Pitkin,

Englewood, N.J.

My Dear Mr. Pitkin,-

Some time ago, the question of the hymn books in our church in Englewood was suggested to the Session. Our present book is an old book, unsatisfactory to Dr. Hamilton and to many members who feel that, while it was a very good book in its day, better books are now available. The present supply, moreover, is insufficient, due perhaps to the fact that people have come into the church who have not known that the congregation was expected to supply itself with hymnals. After consideration, the Session voted at its last meeting, that, in its judgment, it would be desirable to replace the present hymn book with The Hymnal, which is the book published by the Congregational and Presbyterian publishing houses, and which the publishers state is being adopted by ninety percent of the Presbyterian churches which are purchasing new hymnals. Both for its words and for its music, those who are competent to judge say that it is much the best hymnal for us. These new books contain also the Psalter, which we already use in the church. A committee, in behalf of which I am writing to you, was appointed by the Session to look into the matter and to report as to the cost. We find that five hundred copies of the books, containing both words and music, in the best binding, can be obtained for $350. The Session in its last meeting voted that it was desirable that in some way these books should be purchased so as to be the property of the church rather than of individuals, and the committee was instructed to canvass the matter among a few members of the church to see whether, if it is acceptable to the congregation to make a change, personal subscriptions could not be obtained to cover

the cost of the new books. We are writing accordingly to a few of the most generous supporters of the church to ask whether, in case of the substitution of the new books, they would be willing to contribute toward their cost. We are to report the result at the next meeting of the Session. Would you be willing to have a part in the matter, and if so will you kindly say what part you would be disposed to take?

Very sincerely yours,

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May 25th, 1906.

Mr. E. N. Bulkeley,
Englewood, N.J.

My Dear Mr. Bulkeley,-

Some timeago, at one of the Sessions at which I am not sure whether you were present or not, the question of the hymn books in our church was raised, and Mr. Olyphant and I were appointed a committee to look into the matter and report. At the last meeting of the Session at which the Deacons were present, it was voted that it would be desirable to replace the present hymn book with The Hymnal, which is the book published by the Congregational and Presbyterian publishing houses, in use in more than thirteen hundred of our Presbyterian churches, and which the publishers state is being adopted by ninety percent of the Presbyterian churches which are purchasing new hymnals. Both for its words and for its music, those who are competent to judge say that it is much the best hymnal for us. The Committee finds that five hundred copies of the books, containing both words and music, in the best binding, can be obtained for $350. The Session in its last meeting voted that it was desirable in some way these books should be purchased so as to be the property of the church rather than of individuals, and the committee was instructed to canvass the matter among a few members of the church to see whether, if it is acceptable to the congregation to make a change, personal subscriptions could not be obtained to cover the cost of the new books. We are writing, accordingly, to a few of the most generous supporters of the church to ask whether, in case of the substitution of the new books, they would be willing to contribute toward their cost. We are to report the result

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As I understand, Dr. Hamilton would be glad to have the change made.

The price which I have named is entirely independent of any return of the old books. The Presbyterian publishing house would be glad to take the old hymnals if we do not wish them, but they are largely private property and their owners may wish to retain them.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. E. A. Brinckerhoff,
Englewood, N.J.

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Very sincerely yours,

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May 25th, 1906.

Mr. Donald Mackay,

Englewood, N.J.

My Dear Mr. Mackay,-

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Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

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May 25th, 1906.

Mrs. E. F. Hatfield,

7 East 15th St., City.

My dear Mrs. Hatfield:

I am very grateful for your kind note of yesterday, with reference to my address at the Commencement Exercises. It was a pleasure, as it always is, to be at any servie of the Association.

Very cordially yours,

May 28th, 1906.

Mr. William Dulles, Jr.,
Englewood, N.J.

My Dear Will,-

I enclose a copy of a letter I am sending to a few people in the congregation. I know your world not wish to be left out.

Very affectionately yours,

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